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WHS December Students of the Month

Here are the December WHS Students of the Month: Gracy Giammarco, Matthew Abbott, Marisol Shapiro, Skyler Estabrook, Connor Crane, Adam El Fassi, Daniel McElligott, Tara Laurenceau, Jenna Giammarco, Adam Veliz, Connor Moyer, and Adania Deshnica. All students were recognized for exemplifying the Contributor mindset in the WHS Vision of the Graduate. Contributors at WHS assume responsibility for engaging actively for the good of the community and for participating locally and globally in a positive and impactful way. (Courtesy photo)

Nomination papers available for town election

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As 2024 rolls in, so, too, does the annual election season for the town of Wilmington.

Nomination papers for the annual town election are available for residents to pick up and submit, and have been since Jan. 3.

Residents are able to run for one of five seats, each with a three year term:

Town Moderator, one seat on the Shawsheen Tech School Committee, one seat on the Select Board, and the seats on the Wilmington School Committee.

Jonathan Eaton, who serves as the current Town Moderator, announced his intention to run for re-election on his Facebook.

"Excited to announce

that this morning, I picked up nomination papers to run for reelection as Town Moderator. I will need to be gathering signatures, so please let me know if I can swing by and get yours.

"Over the past three years, I have prioritized making the Town Meeting process as accessible as possible. There are a lot of barriers that make participation, at times, difficult, and I have worked to make the process easier to understand to encourage participation by working with WCTV: Wilmington Community Television to put together an informational video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7e3zXyCHi0>), creating a helpful guide to explain the main points of procedure

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RMLD hires O'Neill as new Director of Operations

READING — Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD), announces the hiring of Michael O'Neill as its new Director of Operations. With a career spanning over two decades in the electric utility industry, Michael brings a wealth of experience, having held key roles at National Grid and Eversource.

Michael occupied various leadership roles including Electric Overhead Manager, Electric Underground Manager, and Electric Operations OH Su-

pervisor, National Grid. In these positions, he managed the maintenance and construction of Overhead/Underground distribution systems with a focus on safety and efficiency.

As Electric Operations OH Supervisor, Michael directed the maintenance and construction of distribution and transmission systems, ensuring safety, meeting deadlines and budgets, and responding to emergencies.

Prior to his role at National Grid, Michael was the Electric Construction Supervisor for Station/Substation & Electric Operations Construction at Eversource. In this position, he was responsible for the continuous maintenance and construction of the underground trans-



▲ MIT Deputy Police Chief Stephen J DeMarco (left) and Wilmington Deputy Police Chief Brian Pupa place a wreath at the site of the Sean Collier Memorial Tree at Rotary Park in Wilmington.

(Photo by Joe Brown)

Wilmington remembers Sean Collier on his birthday

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington celebrated its third annual Sean Collier Day at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3 with a small ceremony held at Rotary Park. The ceremony takes place on Jan. 3 of each year in honor of Wilmington resident and MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, the same day as his birthday.

Collier was killed in the line of duty in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombing in April of 2013. He was 27 at the time.

Sean Collier Day was designated by vote of the Select Board in December of 2021. At their meeting on Dec. 13, 2021, it was Select Board member Greg Bendel who detailed Collier's background: graduating Wilmington High School in 2004, earning his bachelor's degree from Salem State in 2009, volunteering in the auxiliary police department and serving as a records clerk in Somerville, and finally joining the MIT Police Department in 2012.

The day in Collier's name was first celebrated in January of 2022.

At this year's ceremony, temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia shared words about Collier, along with Senator Barry Finegold. Wilmington community members, Wilmington Police Department members, members of Collier's family, and MIT Deputy Police Chief Stephen DeMarco.

After speaking, they laid a wreath at the tree planted in Collier's name, which is also located at Rotary Park. The tree of life was planted in 2017, in an effort led by the Wilmington Planning Board. It was installed by Wilmington DPW work-

ers and Dale Tree Movers & Tree Farm.

The plaque on the tree reads: "Collier Strong: This Tree of Life Dedicated in Memory of MIT Police Officer Sean Collier."

He's remembered via the plaque as being compassionate, charitable, and committed to his community and his friends. The town also had a playground installed in Collier's name in 2015 at Silver Lake, which was donated and built by the nonprofit organization Where Angels Play Foundation.

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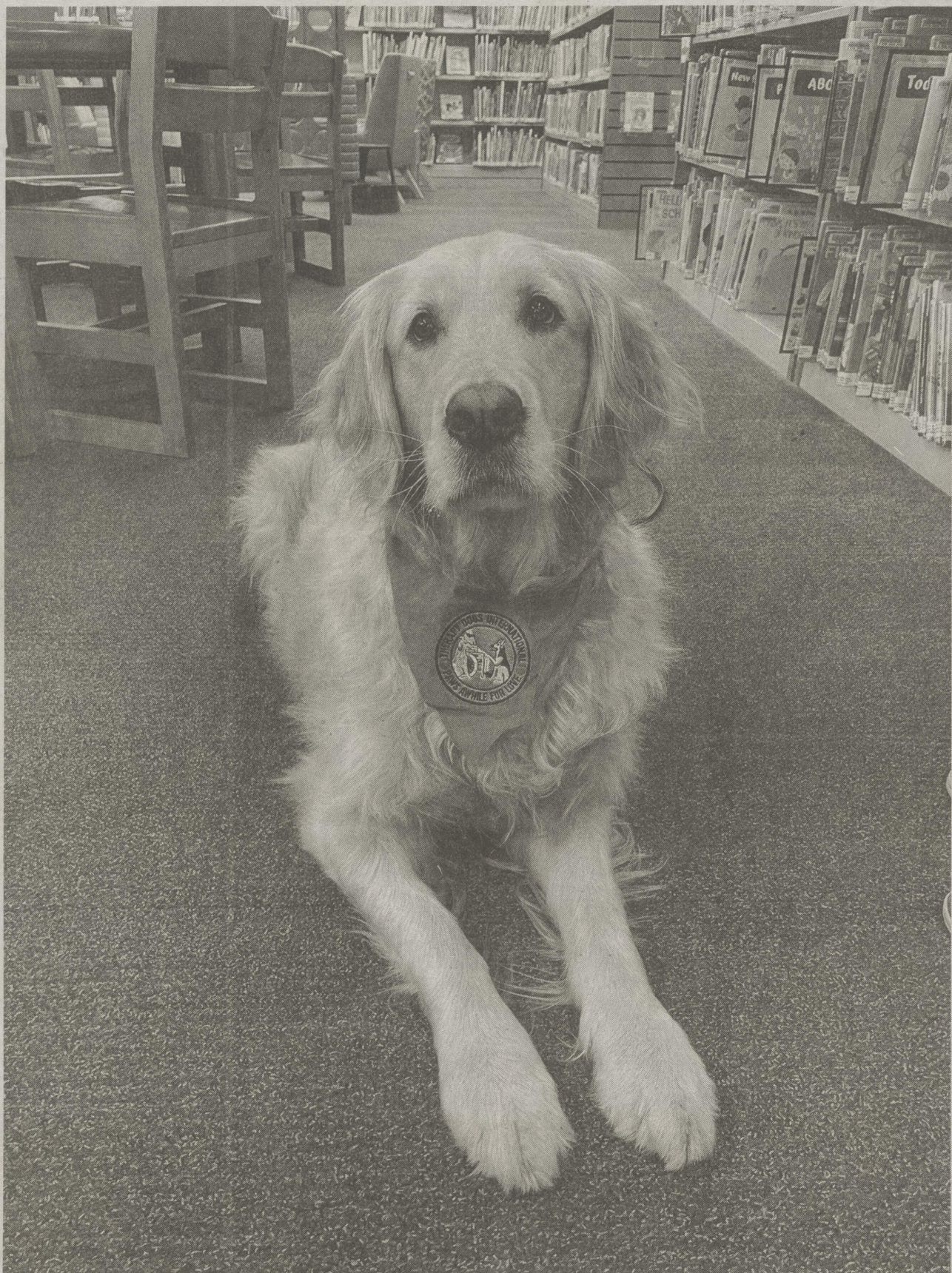
Bookends Book Group
Monday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. January's featured book is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Hybrid DEI Book Group
Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.
This group reads a book three or four chapters at a time to allow us to delve deeper into what we're reading. The first 2024 book is *Broke in America* by Colleen Shaddox and Joanne Samuel Goldblum. For this meeting we'll be discussing the Introduction through Chapter 2 (42 pages). You can attend either in person or via Zoom.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

VIRTUAL Author Talk:
"So Fetch the Making of Mean Girls (And Why We're Still So Obsessed With It)"
Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
We are celebrating a book birthday! Jennifer's book, "So Fetch" just came out on Jan 16th and we can't wait to ask her all of the nitty gritty details of this totally fetch story of one of the most iconic teen comedies of all time, Mean Girls, in which she reveals how it happened, how it defined a generation, "like, invented" meme culture, and why it just won't go away. The book is filled with exclusive interviews from the director, cast, and crew — Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams & Tina Fey (oh my!).

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.



▲ Register for Read to Stormy hosted on the last Thursday of the month! Students in grades K-6 are welcome to sign up for a 15-minute session. Courtesy photo)

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Game On!
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+

VIRTUAL "Now Who Shall Judge the Indians"
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
The "People of the Dawn

land" (Abenaki/Wabanaki) of New Hampshire and the Northeast are the first Indigenous peoples in North America to have had contact with Europeans. In this presentation, Anne Jennison examines how European colonization of North America impacted generations of Abenaki/Wabanaki people and highlights the ways in which the Abenaki/Wabanaki peoples have acted as agents of their own change through education, self-advocacy, efforts to revitalize their languages and traditional arts, and by working with archaeologists, anthropologists, and scientists to recover and reveal more about their history and traditional knowledge.

VIRTUAL Creative Writing Skills Group
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Mocktail Making

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Participating in Dry January? Or just curious about zero-proof cocktails? Join Boston-based bartender Drexel Axelsons, to learn how to make mocktails that will truly impress. Drexel has over a decade of high-volume craft cocktail experience.

Needleworkers
Friday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs
Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6

Kids' Book Cafe

Monday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.
A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Preschool Storytimes! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open two weeks in advance. Ages 3-6

Time for Twos
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Time for Twos! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open two weeks in advance. Age 2

Remote Control Car Repair Workshop
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m.
Join Rob Loisel for this hands-on workshop on

how to repair RC cars! All ages

Baby Time
Thursday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Baby Time! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open two weeks in advance. Ages 0-23 months

Read to Stormy
Thursday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m.
Come read to Stormy! Sign up for one 15 minute session per family. Siblings and caregivers are welcome. Grades K-6

Drop-in Storytime
Friday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
Explore playful movement using stories, yoga, breath, mindfulness, music, and songs, fully experienced through the body! This modality helps children and adults release energy through play and aids in self-regulation. A fun way for families to connect with themselves and each other! Ages 3-5

Teen D&D
Saturday, Jan. 27, 3 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? This month's session will be IN PERSON at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours
The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



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Most tax return preparers provide outstanding and professional service. Unfortunately, there are also some unethical tax preparers that should be avoided at all costs. A major red flag or bad sign is when the tax preparer is unwilling to sign on the dotted line. Avoid these "ghost" preparers, who will prepare a tax return but refuse to sign or include their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) as required by law. Not signing the return could mean the preparer may be looking to make a quick profit by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund. This leaves the taxpayer vulnerable and on the hook for any misinformation on the return. Taxpayers should never sign a blank or incomplete return.

- Shady tax preparers may:
- Ask for a cash only payment without providing a receipt.
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 - Direct refunds into their bank account, not the taxpayer's account.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV.

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Inside the Wilmington Food Pantry
Ever wonder how the Wilmington Food Pantry works or how you can get involved? Take a look at this segment featuring Bob Dipalma, co-creator of the Wilmington Food Pantry. Bob takes us inside the Wilmington Food Pantry and shares its history and the importance of the pantry located in the

South School House.

Current Insights RMLD (Reading Municipal Light Dept.)
podcast/video, Episode #7
On this episode, hosts Gregg Phipps and Julie Blackley sit down with RMLD's Integrated Resources Specialist, Ryan Winn. Julie and Gregg discuss with Ryan, business and commercial customers and the rebates and incentives available to them. Also discussed are commercial solar and EV charger infrastructures.
*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels

or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington

Meetings covered by WCTV:
Monday Jan. 22, 7 p.m. - Select Board
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Questions about WCTV?
Contact: info@wctv.org.

Lifestyle

Cold? Snow? Wind? IT MUST BE SOUP SEASON

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

On a cold winter's night, nothing warms the heart and comforts the soul quite like a piping hot bowl of soup.

Thus far, 2024 has not disappointed in supplying the cold, winter weather, so it is not surprising that January is National Soup Month.

This month-long event originated as a sales campaign promoted by the Campbell Soup Company back in 1986.

Planned to be a one time event, the public response was overwhelming, and National Soup Month has continued to be celebrated every January since.

The culinary concoction of soup dates back over 20,000 years as an affordable, easy to make and nutritious meal.

Originally used more for medicinal purposes, soup's ease and bone-warming effects soon found their way into kitchens all around the world.

In the mid 1700's, soup stepped up to a finer level of cooking as it became a favorite item on many French restaurant menus.

By the 1800's, canned soup was a popular option for a quick meal; however, the invention of condensed canned soup in 1897 proved to be a game changer for the Campbell Soup Company.

Condensed soup allowed for smaller packaging, taking up less shelf space, and could be sold at a lower price than traditional canned soup. This marketing genius made it a dream product for the busy, turn-of-the-century housewife.

Today, soup can be found in the kitchens of 98 percent of American homes.

In fact, according to information gathered by the Campbell Soup Company, Americans consume more than 14 million bowls of soup every year.

Of course, everyone has their own favorite soup, and different regions of the country enjoy varying types of soup, but according to the website Straw-Poll, the most popular soup in the United States is chicken noodle soup, with tomato soup holding a close second place.

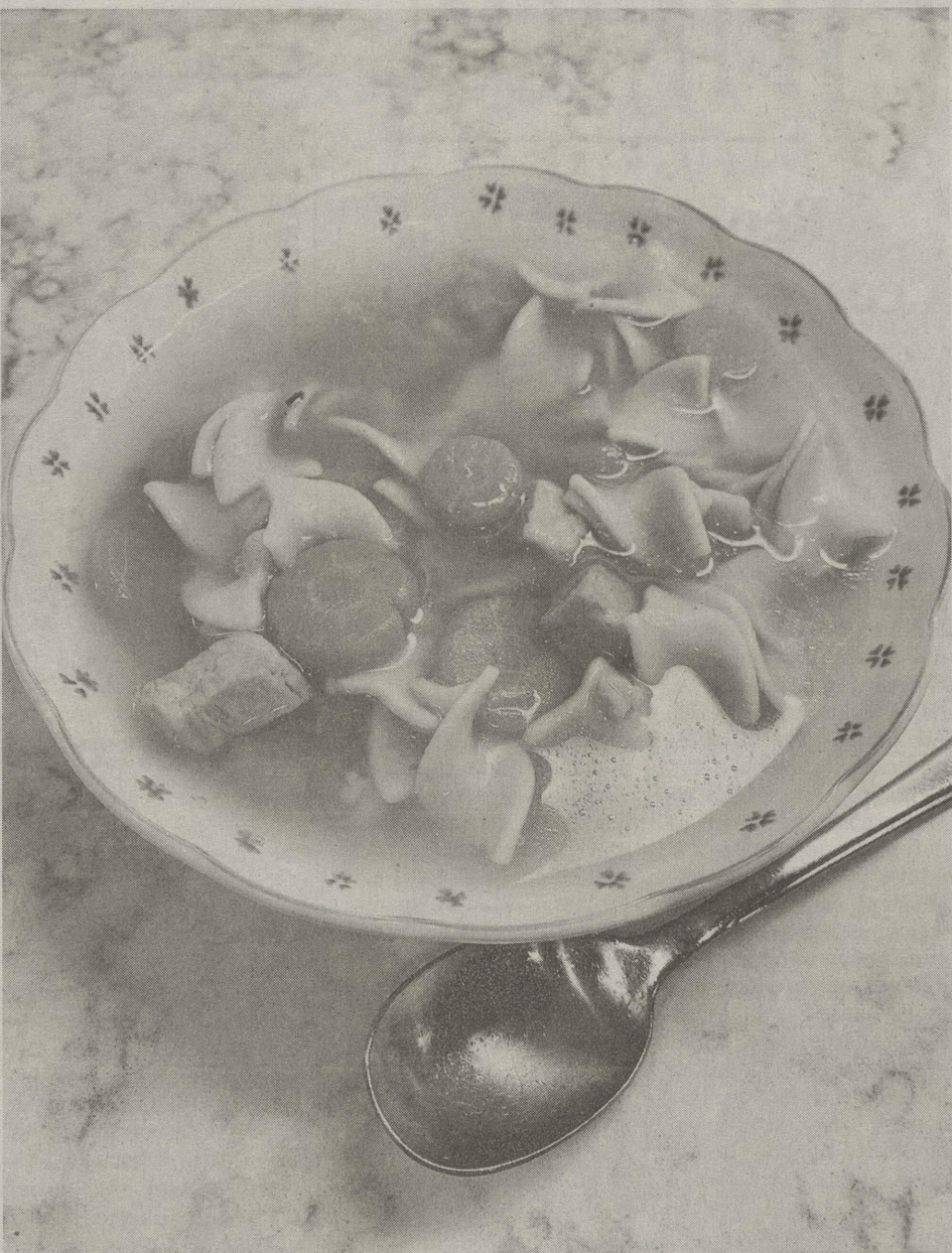
Top ten favorites also included split pea, french onion, and minestrone.

Most of us have at least tried one or all of these traditional soup pot favorites, but National Soup Month is a perfect time to try and experiment with one of the many flavorful and unique soup recipes that you may not be familiar with, or have just not thought about exploring.

You can find soup recipes that range from pumpkin chilli, to loaded baked potato, to Mexican chicken enchilada. In fact, there are so many varieties of soup, you are sure to find one that will please just about any taste.

Try adding international soup recipes to your dinner table to experience exciting and new flavors from abroad that you can cook right on your own stove.

Host a soup pot-potluck



(Heather Burns photo)

party. Invite friends over, each bringing several pints of their favorite soup and copies of the recipe.

Supply a variety of crusty breads and crackers and use disposable, insulated coffee cups to taste each soup. This is a great way to socialize and get a sample and recipe of many different types of soup.

For desert, serve an adult "boozy" soup made from mulled wine and fresh fruit.

This potluck idea can also be done as a soup "swap." Similar to a cookie swap, each guest brings several small jars of their favorite soup with copies of the recipe for each guest. This is another great social event to share with friends and family during this somewhat isolating season of cold weather.

With one major snowstorm of 2024 already under our belts, odds are more cold winter weather is sure to follow in the next few weeks. Keep those winter blues at bay this January with a hot, celebratory cup of your favorite soup during National Soup Month.

Tewksbury issues bids for multiple projects

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — As the new year gets underway, the town is moving projects along, including entertaining bids for a recreation program vendor and for reuse of the Trahan Elementary school building.

First, the town is seeking proposals for year-round recreation programs and activities utilizing or leasing the town's recreation building on Livingston Street. The bid includes use of the Saunders Recreation Complex's associated courts, fields, and grounds, and could extend to other town-owned property for activities for children and adults.

According to the Request for Proposal, the selected firm shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services for similar projects, preferably in Massachusetts.

A group of residents met with Town Manager Richard Montuori early in 2023 to advocate for a recreation department, commensurate with neighboring communities such as Wilmington, Billerica, and Andover.

Tewksbury's recreation center was closed in December of 2010 when two employees came under investigation and were subsequently prosecuted by the Middlesex District attorney's office. One employee was convicted of stealing over \$52,000 from the recreation department to fuel a drug addiction. Another was charged with larceny under \$250 and violation of the municipal employee's conflict of interest law for padding orders and providing payments under the table to a family member.

Currently, extended day and summer programs are provided for children through the School Department utilizing a private vendor, Alphabest. There are also numerous programs for youth offered through the Tewksbury Public Library, the police department, fire department, youth sports groups, a day camp through the Middlesex District Attorney's office, and activities provided by community groups such as Friends of Tewksbury Tennis and a volunteer youth track program.

Additional groups provide inclusive ability programs such as Buddy Basketball and Buddy Baseball.

At present, programs for adults are offered through the public library, senior center, and through senior league sports groups in town. The school department used to provide a robust catalog of adult classes through its office of Community Services

including yoga, tai chi, financial planning, public speaking, golf, basketball, cake decorating, and more.

That programming ran until the fall of 2019.

The proposal seeks to start programming in the spring/summer 2024 timeframe. According to the town, additional details are available on the town website. The deadline for submitting proposals for a recreation program to the Tewksbury town manager's office is 2 p.m., Thursday Feb. 15, 2024.

The town is also seeking proposals from qualified for-profit or nonprofit developers for the lease of the former Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School and its redevelopment. The school was closed in December 2022 along with the North Street elementary school and replaced by the Center Elementary School on Pleasant Street.

The building is located at 30 Salem Road and sits on approximately 6.5 acres of land. A reuse committee made up of residents and elected officials explored possibilities for the space in a series of meetings in 2022. Ideas for the space included affordable housing and an expansion of recreation courts such as pickleball, and preservation for open space. Demolishing the property was deemed cost prohibitive.


Additional information in the bid document includes



▲ The town is entertaining bids for lease of the Louise Davy Trahan elementary school on Salem Road. The school was closed in 2022 when the new Center Elementary School was opened. The town is hoping the property can be redeveloped by a for-profit or non-profit entity.

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**Tewksbury Public Schools
Announcement**

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools:
Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process
(For schools other than Shawshen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to **Tewksbury Public Schools, Brenda Theriault-Regan, Superintendent**, for the specific school they wish to attend by **April 1st** of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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To all persons whose personal information was impacted by a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab Associates initially disclosed on or around August 2022, a proposed class action settlement may affect your rights.

Why am I receiving this notice? You are receiving this Notice because the records of Neuro Rehab Associates, Inc. ("Neuro Rehab") show that your personal information may have been impacted as a result of a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab initially disclosed on or around August 2022 ("Security Incident"). You are therefore likely a Settlement Class Member eligible to receive benefits under this Settlement.

What are the Settlement Benefits? Under the Settlement, Neuro Rehab will pay up to \$850,000 for valid and timely claims for Extraordinary Losses, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Lost Time, and Alternative Cash Payments, summarized below:

- Extraordinary Loss Claims – Up to a total of \$4,000 per claimant.
- Out-of-Pocket Loss Claims – Up to a total of \$250 per claimant.
- Lost Time Claim - \$25 per hour for up to 4 hours (for a total of \$100, subject to the \$250 cap for Out-of-Pocket Losses).
- Alternative Cash Payment – In the alternative to the above, \$25 per claimant.

Settlement Class Members also can obtain credit monitoring services under the Settlement.

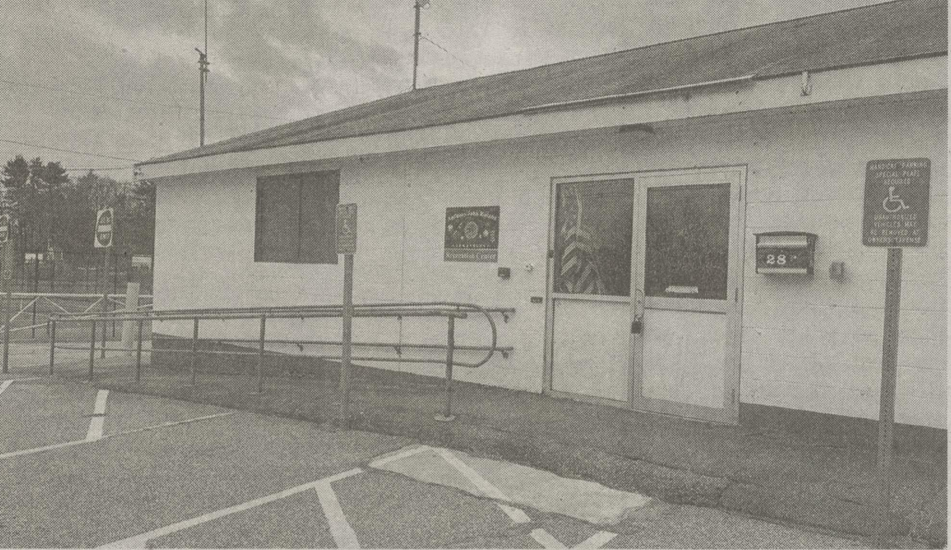
How do I Submit a Claim Form for Benefits? You must submit a Claim Form, available at www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com to be eligible to receive a Settlement benefit. Your completed Claim Form must be submitted online, or mailed to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked, by **APRIL 2, 2024**.

What are my other options? If you **Do Nothing**, you will be legally bound by the terms of the Settlement, and you will release your claims against Neuro Rehab and other Released Parties as defined in the Settlement Agreement. You may **Opt-Out** of or **Object** to the Settlement by **MARCH 4, 2024**. Please visit www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com for more information on how to **Opt-Out** and exclude yourself from or **Object** to the Settlement.

Do I have a Lawyer in this Case? Yes, the Court appointed the law firms of Turke & Strauss LLP, Morgan & Morgan, and Bailey & Glasser LLP to represent members of the Settlement Class. For litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement, Class Counsel will file a motion seeking Court approval for the payment of their attorneys' fees and costs in an amount no greater than \$475,000 for attorneys' fees and costs. You will not be charged directly for these lawyers; instead, they will receive compensation from Neuro Rehab (subject to Court approval). If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

The Court's Final Approval Hearing. The Court is scheduled to hold a Final Approval Hearing on April 5, 2024, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, service awards for the Class Representatives of \$2,500 each (\$5,000 total), and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses for Settlement Class Counsel. You may appear at the hearing, either yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to.

This notice is only a summary For more information, visit www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com or call toll-free 1-888-836-5886.



▲ The Anthony John Rosano Recreation Center on Livingston Street would be one of the facilities available for use as the town looks to bring a year 'round activities program to the community. The town issued a Request for Proposal for a firm to provide services to the community. (Rosalyn Impink photos)

OPINION

Rep. Nguyen's coercive control bill passes House

BOSTON — A bipartisan bill (H.1547) filed by Rep. Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover) in partnership with Rep. Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster) and Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury) passed unanimously in the House on Wednesday, Jan. 10, as part of a larger bill, H.4241, An Act to prevent abuse and exploitation.

The bill passed adds coercive control to the legal definition of abuse. Coercive control is a non-physical form of abuse, which includes a pattern of behavior, or a single act intended to threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, control, coerce or compel compliance of a family or household member that causes the family or household member to fear physical harm or to have a reduced sense of physical safety or autonomy.

Examples of coercive control include threatening to share explicit images, regulating or monitoring a family or household member's communications and access to services, and isolating a family or household member from friends or relatives.

People whose partners exercise such controlling behavior are five times more likely to be murdered than other domestic violence victims, and almost all domestic homicide victims have a history of coercive control in their relationship.

Rep. Nguyen was motivated to file this legislation by her experience as a legal services attorney representing clients who were experiencing coercive control but were unable to get vital legal protections like restraining orders because the courts did not recognize their partners' vindictive and toxic behaviors as abuse.

"This bill is personal to

me as an attorney who has represented many survivors who suffered emotional and mental trauma and financial devastation through fear and manipulation," said Rep. Nguyen. "Domestic violence is not always physical violence, sometimes it's much more insidious. Survivors and the courts need our help to update our laws to make it clear that coercive control is a type of domestic abuse that will not be tolerated."

Additionally, H.4241 modernizes Massachusetts' outdated criminal harassment laws by criminalizing non-consensual sharing of explicit images of other people ("revenge porn ban") and allowing survivors to seek harassment prevention orders. The bill also mandates the creation of an education diversion program for minors who engage in "sexting," the sharing of sexually explicit content, replacing the current statute that requires offending minors to register as sex offenders and bear the weight of criminal charges.

"I want to thank Speaker Ron Mariano, Chair Aaron Michlewitz, and Chair Michael Day for advancing this transformative and bipartisan legislation," said Rep. Nguyen of the bill's passing. "I am grateful for colleagues who continue to fight fiercely on behalf of survivors, and the survivors and coalition advocates who have partnered with us in this critical work. Thousands of women, men, and children in our Commonwealth would be better able to take back control of their future if this bill is signed into law."

"An Act to prevent abuse and exploitation" (H.4241) passed in the House of Representatives 151-0. It now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

Upcoming local events

Jan. 25, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks.

Jan. 27, Groton Hill Music Center, Free music lesson day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Get a 30 minute free lesson on Keyboard, Strings, Brass, Percussion, Woodwinds, and Voice. No instrument needed. info@grotonhill.org. Have the chance to have a professional musician work with you. All ages welcomed.

Feb. 9, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Music Bingo, 777 South St., Tewksbury, \$25 pp, Doors open at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Bingo starts.

Feb. 9, Steve Bjork & Tony V, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy/Wilmington Band Parents Annual Comedy Night, Moose Hall, North Reading, \$20pp, cash bar, BYO snacks, doors open 7:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Contact Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734

Feb. 25, Alternative House Love Should Be Sweet Fundraiser, Longmeadow

Country Club, \$40 pp, 12 - 2:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. PublicHealthMuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck Street, Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St, North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. middlesexcanal.org



Shawsheen Valley Technical High School announces Billerica Lodge of Elks Seniors of the Month

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is excited to introduce its semester one cohort of outstanding seniors of the month. This initiative empowers faculty to highlight exceptional seniors, all of whom will receive special recognition from The Billerica Lodge of Elks.

Moreover, these seniors comprise the finalists for the esteemed 'Senior of the Year' award, which will be announced during an award ceremony in May.

The Senior of the Month program selects two seniors every month based on a rich tapestry of qualities. Criteria encompass character, leadership, citizenship, service to school & community, scholastic achievement, and vocational competencies. Recognized for their contributions to their class and Shawsheen Tech, these students are chosen with the belief that they'll be outstanding alumni, leaving lasting positive impacts on the community post-graduation.

OCTOBER

JASMINE JOHANSEN, a senior health assisting student from Billerica, has been honored as the female Senior of the Month for October. Jasmine distinguishes herself as an exceptional student, consistently striving for academic excellence; currently she is ranked number one in her class.

As captain of the swim team and a varsity tennis player for Shawsheen, Jasmine exhibits strong leadership qualities. She serves as the Parliamentarian for Shawsheen's SkillsUSA leadership team, and won bronze medal victories in 'Medical Math' during both the 2022 and 2023 state competitions.

Outside of school, Jasmine has dedicated six years to the Pan-Mass Challenge, which exudes her commitment to healthcare. She holds a CNA license and participates in Shawsheen's Cooperative Education program, where she works at Bayberry at Emerald Court. After high school graduation,

Jasmine plans to attend college and pursue a nursing degree.

METHUN THAYAAPARAN, a Tewksbury resident studying drafting at Shawsheen Tech, is the male Senior of the Month for October. His remarkable proficiency in drafting is exemplified by his significant accomplishment during the 2023 state Skills USA competition, where he clinched a bronze medal in 'Architectural Drafting.'

Methun is an integral part of Shawsheen's vibrant academic landscape, as he is an active member of both SkillsUSA and National Honor Society. Beyond the classroom, he devotes his time to community service, volunteering at the Billerica Public Library and participating in Tewksbury's fall clean-up days.

A passionate member of the Math Club, Methun's enthusiasm for learning extends beyond his core studies. He aspires to pursue a career in Civil Engineering after high school. His dedication to his craft, academic excellence, and commitment to service set a solid foundation for a promising future in the field of engineering.

NOVEMBER

SARAH JOHANSEN, an engineering student at Shawsheen Tech, has been honored as the female Senior of the Month for November. A Billerica resident, Sarah is involved in the cooperative education program at Shawsheen, where she serves as an electronic technician assistant/assembler at Diversified Technologies, Inc.

Academically distinguished, Sarah ranks among the top three in her class, and serves as Secretary for the National Honor Society. Beyond academics, she demonstrates leadership qualities while serving as the President of the Teen Dating and Violence Awareness Club, as co-captain of the orientation leaders, and is the student representative to the School Committee.

Sarah actively participates in sports, clubs, and volunteer work. She contributes her athleticism to Shawsheen's varsity tennis team in the spring, and she volunteers as a swim teacher. Additionally, Sarah has been a loyal participant in the Pan-Mass Challenge, for the last six years.

Sarah plans to pursue a major in mathematics with aspirations of becoming a high school math teacher. Her dedication, leadership, and academic excellence foreshadow a promising future in anything she chooses.

NICHOLAS GERASIMOV, a dedicated plumbing student at Shawsheen Tech, earned Senior of the Month for November. Nicholas is a resident of Billerica and is an apprentice plumber in town at Z Plumbing and Heating; here he gains hands-on experience in his field as part of Shawsheen's cooperative education program.

Beyond his academic pursuits, Nicholas demonstrates his leadership skills holding the role of team captain for the varsity soccer team, while also serving as an ambassador for Shawsheen. Nicholas actively contributes to the school community by helping with open house events and assisting his teachers with the annual 7th-grade Project Explore program. His commitment to community service extends beyond the walls of Shawsheen, as seen through his volunteer efforts assisting the elderly with landscaping projects in the summer, and ensuring safety at a local lake by installing docks and ropes to keep swimmers protected.

Nicholas's crowning achievement at Shawsheen Tech includes winning a silver medal in 'Plumbing' at the SkillsUSA National competition. Post-graduation, Nicholas plans to work in the plumbing field, and further his academic and professional journey through continuing education classes to achieve his master plumbing license.

DECEMBER

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Book Stew Review

'Factory Man' by Beth Macy

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This is an in-depth look at the almost impossible mission of the Bassett family and their in-law rivals to save a tiny slice of American manufacturing: the North Carolina-based furniture factory.

These benevolent overlords employed white and Black workers at their company town facilities (albeit with lower wages and more menial jobs for Black workers). Much is made of the rivalry between heirs JD (Jim) Bassett III and his brother-in-law Bob Spillman, perhaps too much.

There is some commentary from actual workers in the plants, especially after so many were shut down due to off-shoring to

China, Indonesia, and Vietnam. The chapters on the actual fight to keep the company alive, after Bill Clinton and Congress brought NAFTA and its "giant sucking sound" of American jobs disappearing to fruition, is portrayed as a noble one.

Jim Bassett never wanted to surrender, both for the livelihoods of his neighbors and for family tradition and pride. Now, more than 50 years since, we can look at AI and Chat GPT as movers of yet another tsunami of worker displacement, this time led by American tech.

The book is very thorough in showing how small towns dependent on one industry are no longer viable, thus the worker flight from dying rural locales.

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OBITUARIES

Carmelo J. 'Charles' Corsaro Belonged to the Wilmington Art Association

Carmelo J. "Charles" Corsaro, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away with his family by his side on Jan. 10, 2024, at the Kaplan Hospice House in Danvers, following complications related to MS.

Charles was born in Lawrence on Nov. 8, 1932. He was the oldest son of G. Joseph (1907-1967) and Italia "Eva" (Stella) Corsaro (1913-1989).

Charles grew up in Danvers where he graduated from Holten High School, Class of 1952, and worked alongside his father in their barber shop on Maple Street. He worked at the IRS in Andover for over 30 years before retiring in 1992.

Charles enjoyed music and art. He belonged to the Wilmington Art Association.

Charles attended Masses at St. Thomas of Villanova where he was a member of the choir. Charles also enjoyed playing Scrabble

and engaged in weekly Scrabble challenges with a good friend.

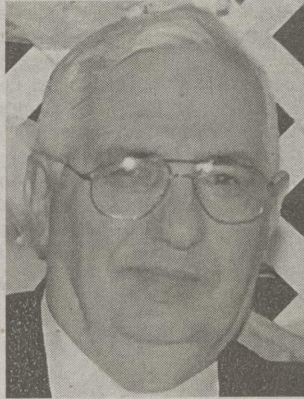
Charles was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Corsaro, who passed away on Oct. 21, 2023.

Charles is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joan (Groves) Corsaro of Wilmington and his daughter, Winifred (Winnie) Polomoscank and her husband, Steven, of Methuen.

He was the loving and adoring grandfather to his two grandchildren, Luke and Emily Polomoscank.

Charles is also survived by his two nieces Danielle Dube and Kim Corsaro-Raye.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in



Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 3-7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Charles' name may be made to the Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, MA 01923 or to the Boston Children's Hospital Trust, "Pediatric Transplant Center, 94483-01", 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Robert S. Zengilowski Enlisted in the US Army

Robert S. Zengilowski, fondly known to his friends as "Bob" or "Zing," age 72, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Jan. 10, 2024.

Bob was born on April 10, 1951, in Cambridge; he was the son of the late Joseph C. and Dorothy L. (Nicholson) Zengilowski. Bob was raised in Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1969.

Following graduation, Bob attended Lowell Tech and Northeastern University while completing his certification in Pipefitting and HVAC services at Shawsheen Tech in 1972.

Bob enlisted in the United States Army in 1970; he proudly served his country before his honorable discharge. Bob continued his commitment to the military with his National Guard service until 1976.

Bob married Margaret (O'Connor) Zengilowski in 1979; they spent 13 years together and raised their two sons, John and Michael in Londonderry, NH.

Prior to moving back to Wilmington in 1993 to care for his aging parents, Bob established his business,

Mountain Air Mechanical, that he owned and operated for over 35 years.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed his free time with his friends and family playing card games, especially cribbage. He had a life-long passion for camping and fishing. He often visited White Lake State Park, where he was blessed to be able to share his childhood traditions with his sons, friends, and later his grandson, Connor.

Bob loved karate; he continued karate for most of his life and enjoyed sharing his love of the sport with his family and friends.

He was also a life-long fan of baseball; he played ball in his youth, he watched countless Red Sox games at home and at Fenway Park, and he taught his boys the game he loved.

Bob will be remembered for his kindness; he was always willing to help a friend or co-worker. He was also just as likely to play a practical joke on anyone he knew and loved.

Bob will also be remembered for his Catholic faith; he was a true believer in God and was comforted by the idea of Heaven.

Bob was the devoted fa-



ther of John Zengilowski of Wilmington and Michael Zengilowski and his wife Laurel of North Conway, NH, loving "Jaja" of Connor Zengilowski, dear brother of John Zengilowski and his wife Angela of Virginia, uncle of Lynne Bornstein, Michelle Zengilowski and Leanne Overstreet.

Bob is also survived by many cousins as well as his life-long neighbors, Evamarie Patrick, Brandi Foote, and Annessia Tiberio.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to the Elks Lodge, 777 South Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Joseph 'Joe Mac' McMenimen, Sr. Coached softball, sought-after ump

Joseph "Joe Mac" McMenimen, Sr., passed away in his sleep after a lengthy illness.

Joe is survived by his children: Christine McMenimen and her fiancé, Marcos Mason, and Joseph P. McMenimen, Jr. and his fiancée, Jane Faccenda.

Joe was married to the late Linda (Scafati) McMenimen for 57 years. They resided in Wilmington for all of those years, as they raised their family, supported the town, and enjoyed their neighborhood on Grace Drive.

Born and raised in East Cambridge, Joe was the youngest of four children of George C. McMenimen and Mary (Dilworth) McMenimen.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Mary (Harrington), Nancy (Briand) and George, Jr. "Jo Jo" was a loving son, a cherished brother, a trusted nephew, and a favorite cousin and uncle to the McMenimen, Dilworth, Briand, Brown, Scafati, Khoury and Kilroy families.

Joe was a graduate of Boston College High School ('53) and Boston College ('57), and he was very proud to be a Double Eagle.

He began his career as an estimator with Warren Brothers (Saugus), and retired from Tilcon (New Britain, CT) as the company's Vice President. He was well respected by his colleagues and crews over the years as he built a mental map of every street and road in eastern Massachusetts long before there was such a thing as

Google Maps.

Joe Mac was his call name over their two-way radio, and all who worked with him could not name a better guy!

Joe was an engaged member of the Wilmington community. He coached softball teams, was a sought-after umpire, and volunteered as a member of the Wilmington Board of Appeals.

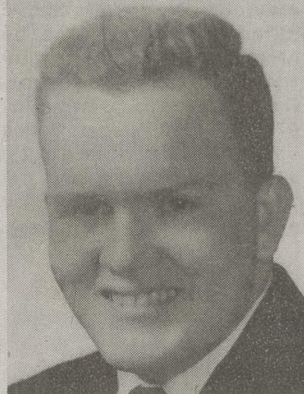
Joe was always friendly around town — playing the lottery at the corner store, sipping coffee with cronies at Dunkin Donuts, and running errands for Linda at Market Basket, CVS, and the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Always a gentleman with a hello and a smile, everyone always asked for Joe!

In his retirement, Joe followed his passions for golf and travel. He served as President of the Lexington Golf Club for two years and worked as a tour guide/chaperone for Golf Vacations. Joe was known for planning the ultimate golf trips for friends, family and golf buddies — Myrtle Beach, Ireland, and Pinehurst to name a few.

He would book the flights, the hotels, the golf courses, the dinner reservations, and reserve the rental cars — two mini-vans that each fit four sets of golf clubs.

Most of all, Joe was devoted to his wife, Linda! Joe loved to travel with Linda. They enjoyed many trips to Europe, the Caribbean, and their favorite place, Bermuda — and somehow the golf clubs



were always in tow.

There were also wonderful memories of winters in Naples, Florida, with friends and family visiting for weeks at a time. They were each other's caretakers in their later years, and such a loving couple — a true example of the meaning of marriage — full of compromise, affection, laughter, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part.

Funeral arrangements will be provided by Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington. Visiting hours are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19 from 4 - 7 p.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Wilmington, on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. Burial will conclude at Wildwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Joe to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601 @<https://www.alz.org>.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Trial in OUI case for Select Board member extended

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — On Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, Tewksbury Select Board member Mark Kratman was scheduled to appear in court once again in regards to his Nov. 11, 2019 OUI arrest.

This most recent court appearance was scheduled after the Nov. 2, 2023 court date was removed from jury trial status due to an emergency hospitalization for Kratman.

Kratman's emergency hospitalization has not been addressed in an official public statement by the Select Board member or by any representatives from the Town of Tewksbury Select Board; however, Kratman did publicly address his recent hospitalization during a Dec. 5, 2023 call in to a local podcast in which he explained he fell at work, resulting in a severe concussion that produced stroke-like symptoms.

At Friday's hearing, Kratman's attorney, Terrence W. Kennedy, stated to the court that

Kratman experienced "a very serious head injury."

Because of the alleged seriousness of Kratman's injuries, Kennedy then requested a three month extension for the trial.

After confirmation from Kratman's attorney that his client was in compliance with all current court orders, the court granted a three month continuance for Kratman's case.

Court documents state that Kratman has been subject to SCRAM testing (remote breath alcohol testing) since his release from custody in 2019.

Scram is a remote breath alcohol testing program built for community corrections and used to monitor alcohol intake for those arrested for drunk and impaired driving. It is used for scheduled, random or on-demand testing and monitoring.

Kratman was originally scheduled to appear in court regarding his Nov. 11, 2019 arrest in January of 2023, but according to court documents, Kratman was granted six previous

continuances, with court dates in 2023 of March 9, April 28, July 26, Nov. 2, Dec. 21, and most recently Jan. 12, 2024.

Kratman is now expected to appear in court again on April 29, 2024.

As documented in the Wilmington police report of Nov. 11, 2019, Kratman was stopped and arrested after several reports were received by the WPD about the erratic driving of a car in the Salem Street area of Wilmington.

Allegedly, this is Kratman's third offense of operating under the influence. He has been charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Marked Lanes Violation.

In the State of Massachusetts, a third offense OUI is considered a felony and carries a mandatory minimum jail sentence of six months to two-and-a-half years, with no parole eligibility for at least 150 days, and a driver's license suspension of eight years.

Healey budget cuts affect Tewksbury

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — With state tax revenues down six months in a row, Governor Maura Healey has made cuts to some local earmarks as part of a larger set of reductions in spending to the state budget. Earmarks, or money set aside for a particular purpose, were cut by 50 percent, affecting many communities who had made requests for funding.

In early January, the governor made \$375 million worth of cuts to the state budget in an effort to cover a revenue shortfall of \$1 billion. Revenue from state tax collections came

in lower than expected.

The FY24 budget cuts hit cultural institutions, open space requests, programs, and infrastructure requests. Projects that will now receive half of what they asked for include trail signs in Groton, strategic marketing to increase visitors to the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, repair to the library roof in Spencer, public safety improvements in Monroe and Montgomery, security cameras for Westborough town hall, and funding to support a nonprofit street outreach program in Springfield.

Tewksbury had \$145,000 in requested earmarks and will now receive half of that, or \$72,500.

In response to outreach by the Town Crier, State Senator Barry Finegold said, "Unlike the federal government, Massachusetts is required [to] balance our budget. With revenue falling short, we are in for some challenging days ahead with the state budget."

Cuts that affect Tewksbury include sidewalk installation and repairs from \$75,000 to \$37,500, and support for services provided to the Tewksbury state hospital from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

According to a letter from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, the cuts to fire departments alone total \$1.68 million, impacting 33 com-

munities, with Tewksbury listed among them. Tewksbury's fire department had its heart health and cancer screenings funding request cut in half from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

According to Town Manager Richard Montuori, Tewksbury will make adjustments to any budget shortfalls during the spring special Town Meeting, but he expects the town to not be significantly impacted.

Tewksbury did receive funding earlier in the fiscal year, including \$20,000 for health and wellness for police and monies to underwrite support services provided to the state hospital.

Local aid was not cut as

part of this measure according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and a statement on the MMA website indicates that the reductions do not directly impact "core" school aid and municipal accounts.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 6, 2024 at 8:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-02 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-02, plan entitled, "Site Plan for Solar Energy Battery Storage Facility at 99 Fordham Road Wilmington, MA, Assessors Map 99 Lot 135"; dated January 10, 2024, prepared by Richard J. O'Connell, P.E., RJO'Connell & Associates, Inc., 80 Montvale Avenue, Suite 201 Stoneham, MA 02180. The application is for the construction and installation of a battery storage facility. Said property is located at 99 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 135.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 6, 2024 at 8:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-01, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-01 plan entitled, "Office Campus Reuse, Life Science/Biomanufacturing Conversion, 181-187 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 10, 2024, prepared by Douglas J. Harnett, P.E., Highpoint Engineering, Inc., Dedham Executive Center, 980 Washington Street, Suite 216, Dedham, MA 02026. The application is for the construction of a two-story (66,100 gsf) research and development building, with associated stormwater utilities. Said property is located at 181 & 187 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcels 20A & 20G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
240051 1/17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST TO AMEND
AN ORDER OF CONDITIONS
DEP FILE # 305-1183

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing **January 24, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a Request to Amend an Order of Conditions (DEP File # 305-1183) filed by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. on behalf of DAN Realty, LLC for activities related to the proposed construction of a retail and office building, associated parking, landscaping, and utility improvements within the buffer zone of wetlands. Proposed amendments to the previously approved plan relate to changes to pavement layout, grading, removal of a retaining wall, and stormwater management design.

The property subject to this application is located at **1695 SHAWSHEEN ST TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 113-22.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
240040 1/17/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARDTOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 4, 2024, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 2024.

Gary B. DePalma, Chair
Select Board
240020 1/10,17,24/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Mark Ingersoll on behalf of Diana D'Avanzo**, for a variance under Section 5.3.1.E.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for to exceed the maximum height for an accessory structure to construct a detached two-car garage as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **80 Meade Street**, Assessor's Map 111, Lot 78 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
240018 1/10,17/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
SELECT BOARD
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY
PURSUANT TO THE
GENERAL TOWN BY-LAWS,
CHAPTER 3.12, SECTION 3.12.010
AND M.G.L. CHAPTER 30B

The Town of Tewksbury will be accepting sealed Bids for the sale of vacant Town property. As outlined in each parcel's Land Sale Request for Proposals, direct abutters will be given preference for certain parcels in accordance with the Town General By-Laws, Chapter 3.12 Section 3.12.10. In other cases, parcels will be an open sale in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Condition of award will be based upon highest price above the minimum sale price for the parcel and meet the minimum criteria and conditions outlined with the Land Sale Request for Proposals. Bids will be for individual parcels located as follows:

Water Street
Georgia Road
Georgia Road
Newton Avenue
Wamesit Road
Pleasant Street

(Assessor's Map 94 Lot 158)
(Assessor's Map 81 Lot 220)
(Assessor's Map 94 Lot 20)
(Assessor's Map 47 Lot 156)
(Assessor's Map 98 Lot 48)
(Assessor's Map 46 Lot 2)

Bids for each parcel will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; and at the time and place specified below; the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Date of Sale: Tuesday, February 16, 2024; Time of Sale: 11:00 am; Place of Sale: Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876. For information and for Land Sale Proposals pertaining to each parcel's bid, please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-640-4300. Bids will be awarded within 90 days of the bid opening. The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Tewksbury is seeking proposals for year-round Recreation Programs and Activities utilizing/leasing the Town's Recreation Building with its associated courts, fields, and grounds at Saunders Recreation Complex: on Livingston Street and possibly other Town-owned property. The selected firm shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services for similar projects, preferably in Massachusetts. A complete Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Town Manager's Office at (978) 640-4300 or by email to Paula Mirabella at PMirabella@tewksbury-ma.gov. It is recommended that respondents to this request familiarize themselves with the detailed RFP.

The Town Manager is the Awarding Authority and will consider only responsive proposals from responsible vendors. A responsive proposal is one that complies fully with all minimum criteria and all submission requirements as stated in the RFP and is the most advantageous to the Town based on the evaluation criteria. It is the intent of the awarding authority to award a contract within sixty (60)

business days after receiving the proposals.

The proposal must be submitted with two distinct components: Price Proposal and Non-Price Services Proposal. Each component must be in its own sealed, appropriately labeled envelope.

THERE MUST BE NO MENTION OF THE APPLICANT'S FEE SCHEDULE IN THE NON-PRICE SERVICES PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. ANY MENTION OF FEES WILL SUBJECT THE PROPOSAL TO REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the Tewksbury Town Manager's Office is 2:00PM, Thursday February 15, 2024. Proposals should be addressed to Richard A. Montuori, Town Manager, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876. Proposals must be clearly labeled "Proposal for Recreation Programs and Activities."

All inquiries from perspective proposers concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing to: Richard Montuori at rmontuori@tewksbury-ma.gov.

The Town of Tewksbury, through the Town Manager, is the Awarding Authority and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals; to waive any defects, informalities, and minor irregularities; to accept exceptions to these specifications; to award contracts or to cancel this Request for Proposals if it is in the Towns' best interest to do so.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Sealed quotes for the printing of the 2024-2025 Calendar for the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Mark each envelope: "Quote on 2024-2025 Calendar to be opened at 11:30 a.m., February 1, 2024."

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any quote, or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

Louis Cimaglia IV
Temporary Town Manager
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Temporary Town Manager
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FORMER TRAHAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Town of Tewksbury ("Town") is seeking proposals from qualified for profit or nonprofit developers for the lease of the former Trahan Elementary School and its redevelopment. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained during normal business hours (Monday Wednesday and Thursday 7:30AM - 4:30PM, Tuesday 7:30AM - 6:00PM and Friday 7:30AM - 12:30PM) at: Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876 Telephone: (978) 640-4300, Fax: (978)640-4302 Or email Paula Mirabella PMirabella@tewksbury-ma.gov

Proposals, in the format described herein, are due to the Town Manager's office at Town Hall no later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday February 15, 2024. No proposal received after that time will be considered for any

reason. Proposals must be in sealed envelopes appropriately marked "Trahan Elementary School Reuse Proposal," are to be received not later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday February 15, 2024, to: Richard Montuori, Town Manager, Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876. All Proposals must be complete and in compliance with the submission requirements outlined in this RFP. All leases are subject to a vote of the Tewksbury Select Board.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities, and to award the contract as may be in the best interest of the Town.

No one other than the Town may alter (manually or electronically) the RFP language or any RFP documents. Unauthorized modifications to the body of the bid, specifications, terms, or conditions, which change the intent of this proposal are prohibited and will disqualify a response.

The proposal must be signed by a person authorized to bind the lease.

The proposal must be accompanied by a signed certificate of non-collusion and other documents as included in the RFP.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI23P6796EA

Estate of:
Mary Patricia McMahon
Also Known As:
Mary P. McMahon
Date of Death:
November 16, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nancy McMahon of Wilmington MA** a Will has been admitted to

informal probate.

Nancy McMahon of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
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Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P0083EA

Estate of: Pamela A. Lussier
Also known as:
Pamela Lussier
Date of Death: 07/05/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Paul J. Lussier of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Paul J. Lussier of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/06/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
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THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 09, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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ment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/08/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 11, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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Local students named to Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or

paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Kaylee Gallagher of Wilmington
- Emily Freitas of Wilmington

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200

accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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ter/spring, and summer.

- Julia Gordon of Wilmington
- Angela Scolastico of Wilmington
- Katelyn Acker of Wilmington
- Sarah Nille of Wilmington
- Jenna Moretto of Wilmington

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Toth named to Dean's List at Husson Univ.

BANGOR, MAINE — Congratulations to Nicholas Toth of Wilmington, who has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Toth is studying toward a degree in Video/Film Production at Husson.

Full-time students who earn President's List, Dean's List and Honors List recognition must be enrolled as an undergraduate, carry a full-time load

of 12 credit hours over the course of 21 weeks, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted, and achieve a designated semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

For 125 years, Husson University has prepared future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate

degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has offered quality educational programs in business; health and education; pharmacy studies; science and humanities; and communication.

For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

Macinnis named to Dean's List at MassBay Community College

WELLESLEY HILLS — Samantha Macinnis of Wilmington who studies Early Childhood Education has been named to the MassBay Community College Dean's List. She achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2023 semester.

To be eligible for the MassBay Dean's List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

To learn more about MassBay, visit massbay.edu.

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher educa-

tion option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online.

MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities.

MassBay's Associate

Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020-2021 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org.

Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves. We value the intrinsic worth of all individuals, collectively in pursuit of inclusiveness and prioritize our work towards achieving equity within our community and beyond.

Manjourides, Monteforte named to Dean's List at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT — The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University:

- WILMINGTON
- Katie Manjourides
- Gabriella Monteforte*

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-

time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

About Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,000 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College

of Arts and Sciences.

Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 388 Colleges." The university is in the midst of program expansion and renewal for both traditional and adult learners, attraction of diverse communities, development of innovative corporate partnerships and construction of an ambitious set of capital projects.

For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

Sarah D.J. Carter Committee awarded grant

WILMINGTON — The Sarah D. J. Carter Committee is pleased to report they were awarded a grant from the Wil-

mington Cultural Council through the Mass Cultural Council.

"We sincerely thank the Council for supporting

our programs very much enjoyed by our residents. This grant will aid us in our upcoming program in the fall."

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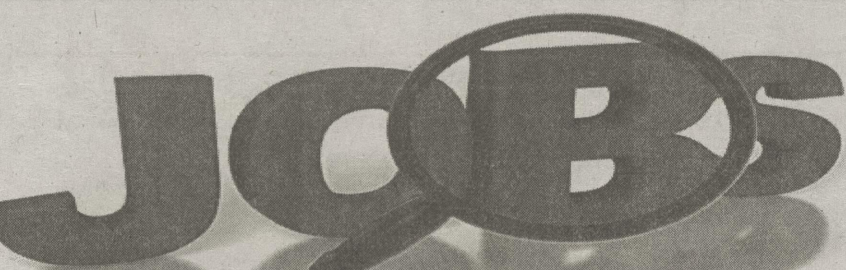
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The Woburn Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer providing an excellent benefits package to its employees.

Please send resumes, by February 15th, 2024, to:
Thomas Maher Executive Director
Woburn Housing Authority,
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Killed in the line of duty, Collier remembered as hero

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Wilmington Police Sergeant Matthew Stavro said, "[Collier] was from the community and he gave his life in service to his community. We want to make sure that the sacrifice that he made will never be forgotten." Stavro went on to say that not only is it a great

opportunity for the police department to be there for Collier's family on an important day for them, but it's also a reminder of the sacrifice that they themselves may be called to make.

The full ceremony can be viewed on WCTV at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HS191uqy8g&t=1s>.

► Wilmington's State Senator Barry R. Finegold speaks to the gathered guests at the ceremony marking Sean Collier's birthday at the memorial tree at Rotary Park. (Photo by Joe Brown)



O'Neill to play pivotal role in safety, management

RMLD FROM PAGE 1

mission systems, overseeing projects such as GIS equipment installations, repairs, and upgrades, as well as new station construction and major pipeline installations.

"Michael's extensive expertise in managing teams supporting electrical distribution and transmission systems, along with his dedicated commitment to infrastructure development, equips him to be an effective team leader," said RMLD General Manager Greg Phipps. "Michael's passion for building out RMLD's network aligns seamlessly with our goals, particularly in preparing our infrastructure for electrification and for finding opportunities for in-territory generation and network digitization within."

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology as well as several certifications that underscore his expertise in the utility industry. As Director of Operations, Michael will play a pivotal role in steering RMLD's operat-



▲ MICHAEL O'NEILL

ing tactics, focusing on safety, project management, and execution excellence.

Four elections set for this year including town election on Saturday, April 27

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(<https://www.wilmington-ma.gov/.../23-04-22-wilmtm...>), and by building up the Town Meeting page (<https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/town-meeting>) on the town's website to create a helpful repository of information to residents.

"I look forward to working to earn your vote on April 27, and continuing to serve Wilmington residents."

Wilmington is currently scheduled to have their town election vote on April 27, with voting open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

2024 is a big election year for both Wilmington and the country as a whole. As the presidential election for the country happens this year, as well as the state primary this fall.

March 25 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. will be the presidential primary.

The state primary is on Sept. 3rd, from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

And finally, the presidential election vote will be held on Nov. 5, with voting open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting will take place at the Boutwell School, Wilmington High School, and Town Hall. Voters will cast their ballots based on precinct. Precincts one and two will vote at the Boutwell School, three and four will vote at WHS, and five and six will vote at Town Hall.


Those who need to vote by mail or complete an absentee ballot need to have their ballot in the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on election day. Applications for absentee ballots and vote by mail are available

at the www.wilmington-ma.gov website, and can be emailed to the town clerk.

Those who need to register to vote must do so by April 17 in order to vote in the annual town election.

Elizabeth Lawrenson, Town Clerk, is also looking for election workers for the upcoming year. The opportunity is paid, and residents are encouraged to reach out to her if interested via emailing town-clerk@wilmingtonma.gov or calling 978-658-2030.

Those interested in running for public office, in working the elections, or who have questions on their voting registration or precinct are able to find more information on the www.wilmingtonma.gov website, or reach out to Town Clerk Elizabeth Lawrenson.



WINTER SALES EVENT

<h3>2024 NISSAN ALTIMA SR</h3> <p>Back-Up Camera, Satellite Radio, iPod/MP3 Input, Bluetooth®, Aluminum Wheels, Remote Engine Start</p> <p>LEASE FOR \$219 PER MONTH 36 MONTHS \$2999 CASH OR TRADE DOWN</p>  <p><small>2024 Nissan Altima SR Available APR 3.99% for 36 months. Lease for \$219/mo. for 36 months w/\$2,999 cash or trade down. 10000 miles per year. Lease based on selling price of \$22,821. Lease for \$239/mo. \$0 down payment for 36 months. CONDITIONAL OFFER Recent college graduate may be available if qualified. \$500 Retail Owner Contribution may be available if qualified. \$500 Dealer. MSRP \$24,410. VIN: 1N4B0ACH0R237707. MSRP \$29,805. Model code: 13514. Lease requires tax, title, 1st payment, acq. fee, registration and admin fee additional. Must choose from dealer stock. NMAC credit approval required. 2 or more available at this price. *Photos are for illustration purposes only. Sale ends 1-31-2024. Available only at Kelly Nissan of Woburn.</small></p>	<h3>2024 NISSAN PATHFINDER S 4X4</h3> <p>Third Row Seat, Rear Air, Back-Up Camera, Satellite Radio, iPod/MP3 Input, Bluetooth®, Aluminum Wheels</p> <p>LEASE FOR \$219 PER MONTH 18 MONTHS \$2999 CASH OR TRADE DOWN</p>  <p><small>2024 Nissan Pathfinder S Available APR 1.9% for 36 months. Lease for \$219/mo. for 18 months w/\$2,999 cash or trade down. 10000 miles per year. Lease based on selling price of \$36,808. Lease for \$369/mo. \$0 down payment for 36 months. CONDITIONAL OFFER Recent college graduate may be available if qualified. \$500 Retail Owner Contribution may be available if qualified. \$500 Dealer. MSRP \$44,035. VIN: 1N4D3CAG0R230383. MSRP \$39,545. Model code: 25014. Lease requires tax, title, 1st payment, acq. fee, registration and admin fee additional. Must choose from dealer stock. NMAC credit approval required. 2 or more available at this price. *Photos are for illustration purposes only. Sale ends 1-31-2024. Available only at Kelly Nissan of Woburn.</small></p>
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'Mean Girls'
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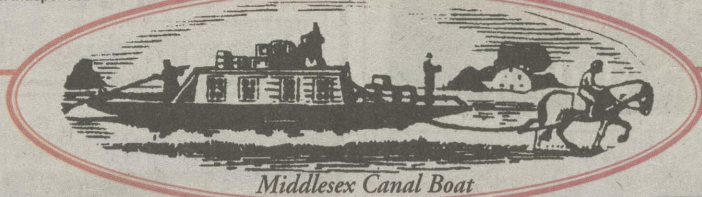
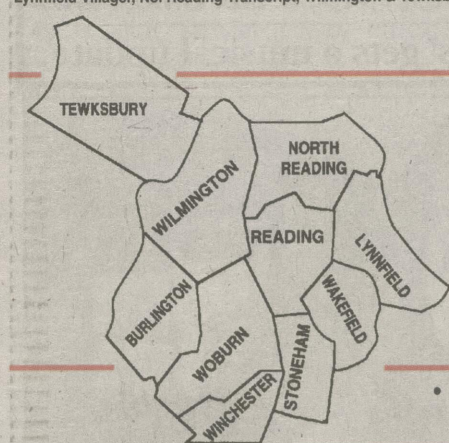
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Burlington looking at new Fox Hill Elementary School

By RYAN LAROCHE

Education has been in the news a lot lately, whether it's more parents home-schooling their children or the impact COVID-19 had on learning loss. The Boston Globe even ran a recent story in its Sunday edition claiming some affluent communities struggle to teach children how to read.

Regardless, one local community is attempting to further their students' education through the construction of a new school.

In Burlington, the School Committee back in 2020 submitted a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Fox Hill Elementary School. Due to anticipated enrollment growth over the next decade, the committee has been brainstorming potential plans to add more elementary classrooms. The plan would entail a proposal to the MSBA for a new school building on the Fox Hill Elementary School site. Currently, Fox Hill has 442 students and the antiquated building is set up for a capacity of 375.

As elementary enrollment numbers continue to increase in Burlington, this puts a lot of pressure on its elementary schools such as the Fox Hill and Pine Glen. Back in 2020, the School Committee looked at several options to address this issue: maintain the current configuration of four elemen-

tary schools, maintain the four-school configuration but build two elementary schools on the Fox Hill site with shared common spaces and give up the Pine Glen site, create a three-school elementary configuration with a large Fox Hill (similar to the town's middle school, consisting of 800-900 students) and give up Pine Glen as an elementary school or convert Pine Glen to a pre-K early childhood center, resulting in three elementary schools constituted for grades 1-5.

Keeping the current configuration of four elementary schools would maintain the same curriculum and program infrastructure, as opposed to the uncertainty of one giant school. Parents reportedly favored keeping the current configuration.

Superintendent Dr. Eric Conti confirmed submitting a proposed new building for the Fox Hill Elementary School would be ideal.

"Fox Hill would make for a better statement of interest option," declared Dr. Conti. "It already has modular classrooms in use, so the need for increased building size is clearly evident, and enrollment issues carry weight with the state. Replacing Fox Hill is the best option we have if we hope to get a project funded with help from the state."

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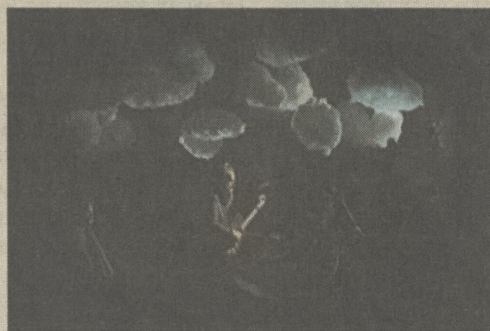
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STEPS

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2. Spray 1 side of 1 tortilla with cooking spray; place sprayed side down in 10-inch skillet. Spread with one-fourth of the chicken mixture. Top with another tortilla; spray top of tortilla with cooking spray.

3. Cook over medium heat about 2 minutes or until golden brown. Carefully turn quesadilla over; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining tortillas and chicken mixture.

To serve, cut quesadillas into wedges. Serve with sour cream and additional salsa.

EXPERT TIPS

• Use a pizza cutter to easily cut quesadillas into wedges.

• Vegetable purée can be added to your favorite quesadilla recipe. Just stir 1 pouch of purée into the cheese used to fill your quesadillas.

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2g Sugars

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz)
- 1 cup diced cooked chicken
- 1/3 cup salsa
- 1 pouch (4 oz) 100% butternut squash purée
- 8 flour tortillas (8 inch)
- Cooking spray
- Sour cream, if desired
- Additional salsa, if desired

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He also said parents want the same thing: four schools in the same area they are now. He added how it's no longer appropriate to continue renovating the Pine Glen or Fox Hill schools, noting the added cost as compared to building a new school.

The committee said one of its goals remains keeping the small class sizes that currently exist (not more than an 18-1 student-teacher ratio).

"We made this commitment as a committee," member Martha Simon noted, adding how they would have already added students into classrooms if they didn't care about class size.

Unfortunately, for the town, a new Fox Hill School may force class sizes to increase by two or three students.

The one issue that remains for Burlington concerns its ability to partner with the MSBA on one school project, meaning the state wouldn't fund both the Fox Hill and Pine Glen schools. This means if the community wanted to build a new Pine Glen it would have to be basically 100 percent self-funded (or Burlington would need to wait upwards of 10 years to partner again with the MSBA).

As member Stephen Nelson pointed out, "I have been on this board for many years and I know the state will not give money to the same community for two new schools in consecutive years."

As the town moves forward with the Fox Hill School, it won't ignore the issues at the Pine Glen School. Last May, Town Meeting approved \$500,000 for HVAC work at Pine Glen to add in air conditioning. With the bids coming in slightly higher than anticipated, the School Committee will return to Town Meeting seeking additional funding.

"This will also be an opportunity to remind Town Meeting we are going to invest in Pine Glen and maintain it," Dr. Conti declared. Improving the HVAC

system will help the committee continue with its preference to use four elementary schools (and also keep the school operational until the town can potentially come back to the MSBA for funding assistance with a new or improved building).

A year later, the district sent a video of the Fox Hill School to the MSBA to show why it needs replacing. The school, over 50 years old, simply cannot handle the amount of students pouring in each September. (This same problem existed in Winchester, thus leading the town to also partner with the MSBA to build a new Lynch Elementary School on the same site - near Horn Pond in Woburn - a project that just received the support of taxpayers one year ago and which plans to finish in time for the start of school in September of 2025.)

It took some time, but the MSBA got on board with Burlington and agreed to partner on creating a new Fox Hill Elementary School. For much of the past year-plus, Burlington school officials worked with the MSBA throughout the extensive process of getting the state's formal approval and financial support for a project that would erect a new elementary school on the current Fox Hill Elementary School site. The existing Fox Hill School building is expected to be demolished.

However, some parents of students who attend Pine Glen Elementary School shared concerns their school would get left behind. The superintendent, though, confirmed the expansion of the Fox Hill building committee to include matters related to the Pine Glen School. This also means the School Committee now refers to the Fox Hill project as a "Burlington elementary schools project" and not just something for Fox Hill.

It also means members need to start (or continue) thinking about the future of the Pine Glen School. As Katherine Bond noted, Burlington "does a good job

maintaining all our schools, but it is smart to plan ahead for all our elementary schools in need."

Melissa Massardo added, "Whatever we do with the Fox Hill project affects Pine Glen," adding how "everyone knows we need to put money into Pine Glen...at some point."

Town Meeting already jumped on board, approving \$1.5M for a feasibility study for the Fox Hill project. As part of that study, Burlington submitted a preliminary design program to the MSBA. Over last summer, the town heard estimates for a new building would fall in the \$48M range. Renovations would cost upwards of \$20M. These numbers are based on the MSBA's formula of \$600 per square-foot and the current Fox Hill is 80,000 square feet.

However, more recent numbers suggest a new school could cost \$63M (before MSBA reimbursement, which netted Winchester nearly 20 percent for the Lynch School).

In September of last year, residents had the chance to offer feedback on the project. More than 230 people participated in a hybrid meeting. They were asked to share their ideas in response to an open-ended question. All their ideas were shared confidently and anonymously in multiple languages. They were also asked to rate others' thoughts on a scale of 1-5 with five being in favor.

The Fox Hill Building Committee then voted to narrow the project down to two options: one Fox Hill-only school on the existing site for 325 students or a combined Fox Hill/Pine Glen School to house 640 students.

This month, the Fox Hill Building Committee voted to submit its Preferred Schematic Report to the MSBA. The report concludes the school will be two stories and located north of the current building. Capacity was also approved for 325 students which concerned some committee members, as the current school operates

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Now with songs: 'Mean Girls' gets a musical update



GIRL TALK - Angourie Rice (center) in a scene from "Mean Girls" released by Paramount Pictures. In some ways things may have gotten better for high schoolers than they were in the past — but in other ways, things have only gotten meaner.

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

The first "Mean Girls," that compulsively watchable high-school based social satire by Tina Fey, came out in 2004. The Broadway musical opened in 2018. Now it's 2024, and we have a screen adaptation of the theater adaptation. How long will this reconfiguring go on? Is there a limit?

Or ... does the limit not exist?

Forgive us that utterly blatant setup for one of the original's most famous lines. It's just that some of them are so darned memorable. Like, "You can't sit with us!" — screeched. Or when Regina, the haughtiest queen bee ever to carry a cafeteria tray, scathingly tells her minion Gretchen, who's trying out her new word "fetch," to "Stop trying to make 'fetch' happen. It's NOT going to happen!"

But even in "Mean Girls 17," should it come to that, someone will still be trying to make "fetch" happen. And it's actually not a bad word to describe the experience of watching the new "Mean Girls" — a slick, fizzy bit of entertainment that's occasionally delightful and usually fun, even if the translation to 2024 definitely has its rough spots.

If you've recently re-watched the first film, you may be surprised here at how many lines remain, word for word. What's impressive is how many still work — unlike some social comedies that felt right 20 years ago but have scenes that fall with a thud now (see "Love Actually").

There are exceptions, though. I'll confess to feeling queasy throughout about the "dumb girl" character who remains in the Plastics, Regina's social group. There is, thankfully, no more reference to a coach sleeping with a student, which would not have been funny, even with Jon Hamm as the coach. Slut-shaming has been conspicuously toned down — the insult in Regina's famous Burn Book is now "cow" and not "slut."

On the other hand, fat-shaming? That's still there, as when the camera zooms in rudely on the rear end of a character who's gained a few pounds.

As for the casting, some of it works wonderfully, particularly the duo who introduce the film, which is again written by Fey, with music by Jeff Richmond (her husband), and lyrics by Nell Benjamin. Damian, the beloved character described affectionately by Janis as "almost too gay to function" (but that's only OK when she says it), and Janis, his best friend, a talented artist whose fallout with Regina left her in the dirt socially, function almost as quasi-narrators. Jaquel Spivey, of Broadway's "A Strange Loop," is hilarious and also moving as Damian — you wait for each new line, and he wastes none of them. And Auli'i Cravalho as Janis has a gorgeous voice and charismatic screen presence. (And a huge song, though from the trailer, you wouldn't know anyone has songs at all.)

Angourie Rice is the new Cady, the Lindsay Lohan role, a home-schooled math whiz

who arrives in suburban Chicago straight from Kenya, where her mother was doing zoological research, into the snake pit of high school. Rice is a sweet presence but not as convincing in the "bad Cady" moments as Lohan. As for the Plastics, singer Reneé Rapp, formerly Regina on Broadway, imbues the role with powerhouse vocals and an angrier edge than the excellent Rachel McAdams did — when she's enraged, boy, you feel it.

Once again, Cady begins her first school day in math class with Ms. Norbury, once played by Fey — and again by Fey! Tim Meadows is also back as the principal; both look older but certainly not two decades.

Cady has a rough entry and ends up eating lunch in a bathroom stall, but is rescued by Janis and Damian. In the cafeteria, she has her first encounter with Queen Bee Regina. "My name is Regina George," sings Rapp, in some of the show's best lyrics, "I am a massive deal. I don't care who you are, I don't care how you feel."

The Plastics — Regina, needy Gretchen (Bebe Woods) and intellectually challenged Karen (Avantika) — adopt Cady and teach her the rules: Wear pink on Wednesdays. No tank tops two days in a row. A ponytail? Once a week. Also: You can't date someone's ex-boyfriend, because those are "the rules of feminism." At such moments, one can literally hear Fey writing the line. (Side note: Please come back to the Golden Globes, Tina, and bring Amy Poehler.) (Speaking of Poehler, she is missed as Regina's "cool" mom, but aptly replaced by Busy Philipps.)

Things go south quickly when Cady falls for Regina's ex, Aaron, who sits in front of her in AP Calculus (leading to the excellent lyric "Calcu-lust.") Regina isn't going to give up Aaron without a dirty fight. So Cady, aided by Damian and Janis, plots to bring Regina down from inside, pretending to be a loyal Plastic.

But at what point does Cady stop pretending and BECOME a Plastic? (Ask Janis.)

Directors Samantha Jayne and Arturo Perez Jr. keep the action moving briskly. A key visual difference is technology. In the 2004 film, friends spoke to each other on the telephone, in split screens. Now, of course, gossip and bullying take place via social media. In some ways this makes it all seem more vicious. When Regina takes an embarrassing tumble onstage at the Christmas performance, we witness a social media shaming that is much crueler than anything that happened in the 2004 version.

And yet, it's believable, of course. One comes away from this latest "Mean Girls" thinking that in some ways things may have gotten better for high schoolers than they were in 2004 — but in other ways, things have only gotten meaner.

"Mean Girls," a Paramount Pictures release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for sexual material, strong language, and teen drinking." Running time: 105 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

above 400. The enrollment figure, though, is based on the MSBA's five-year projections (when the new school might open).

In that regard, School Committee members agreed with the MSBA, suggesting they "tend to be right." Regardless, the committee unanimously agreed that a conversation about potential redistricting is needed, sooner than later, just in case the MSBA's enrollment projections aren't accurate and neighborhoods need to be shifted around.

For the project, the MSBA approved Dore + Whittier as the Owner's Project Manager (the same firm assisting Wilmington

in their quest to build a new Wildwood Elementary School). An OPM consists of a person or firm the school department is looking to bring on as part of the Fox Hill project that will help guide school officials to see the new building come to fruition.

At some point, Burlington residents will need to support the project through a possible override vote similar to other communities. Winchester residents supported such a vote last January. The new Lynch School cost \$94M before the MSBA reimbursed the town \$17M.

According to Burlington's John Iler, from the Ways & Means subcommit-

tee, he said they've been meeting with town administration about financing options for the project. With the town's debt-service expected to reach 8.2 percent and the new school expected to make up roughly 5.5 percent, this means an extra 3.9 percent for taxes (or \$255 more for residents). This could include work at BHS and a new police station.

Iler wondered what residents would accept for a tax rate increase and how to best spread that out so the debt burden is eased over the course of a number of years.

(Materials from Mark Biagiotti were used to compile this report.)

• Real Estate Transfers •

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8 Gayland St was sold to Khalifa, Zainab S and Khalifa, Suhelbhai S by Pustizzi, Robert D for \$652,000 on 12/28/23

14 Hillsdale Ave was sold to McGlynn, Michael R and McGlynn, Jessica by Sawyer Contracting LLC or \$1,200,000 on 12/29/23

14 Maple Ridge Dr #14 was sold to Li, Shuqi by Jasper T and Fiduciary TCo Tr for \$710,000 on 12/27/23

17 S Bedford St was sold to Cruz, Elijah and Esposito, Courtney by Del Duca, Barbara J for \$740,000 on 12/28/23

12 Washington Ave was sold to Washington Ave Prop LLC by Rustenburg, Barbara N for \$695,000 on 12/29/23

LYNNFIELD

900 Lynnfield St #J39 was sold to Tarpey, Mark by Lennon Ft and Lennon, Steliane S for \$735,000 on 12/27/23

29 Midland Rd was sold to Makie, Francis and Makie, Jeanie by Wyrwas Ft and Wyrwas, Ethel M for \$1,001,000 on 12/29/23

NORTH READING

50 Burroughs Rd was sold to Briere, Meghan S and Briere, Amanda J by Wkjk 2020 LLC and Twombly, Wayne for \$765,200 on 12/29/23

20 Lindor Rd was sold to Lawrence A Tucci Irt and Tucci, Nicholas L by Anderson, Peter L and Anderson, David C for \$633,200 on 12/29/23

READING

36 Abigail Way #4008 was sold to Ignacio, Diane by Carol A Tucci Irt and Tucci, Nicholas L for \$639,900 on 12/28/23

75 Green St #1 was sold to Callaghan, Brian J by Patel, Ami K for \$487,500 on 12/28/23

30 Johnson Woods Dr #30 was sold to Johnson Woods Realty Corp by Fitzpatrick, Joseph and Fitzpatrick, Michele for

\$1,176,000 on 12/27/23

61 Winslow Rd was sold to Bardwell, Scott M and Bardwell, Sara N by Masse, David for \$887,000 on 12/29/23

STONEHAM

2 Gould St #3 was sold to Saunders 4th, Albert W by Vining, Leonard M for \$430,000 on 12/28/23

57 Hancock St was sold to Deak, Lajos Z and Szitar, Tunde by Jordan Ft and Parece, Carolyn A for \$700,000 on 12/28/23

11 Skyewood Dr was sold to Nejat, Ali and Toufanian, Reyhaneh by Lovatt, Zachary T and Andrianova, Elizaveta for \$1,125,000 on 12/28/23

39 Warren St was sold to Cronin, Briana J and Cronin, Nathan R by Tocci, Donald L and Tocci, Bodil for \$680,000 on 12/29/23

TEWKSBURY

258 Apache Way #258 was sold to Sobo 3rd, William and Sobo, Taylor by Colton, Peter J and Colton, Anna M for \$415,000 on 12/28/23

326 Ballardvale St was sold to Atlantic Oliver Iii 36 Ba by Mcp Iii Ballardvale LLC for \$49,500,000 on 12/27/23

1 Box Car Blvd #1 was sold to 1 Boxcar Blvd LLC by Driftwood Dr LLC for \$400,000 on 12/29/23

53 Decarolis Dr #53 was sold to Regan, Gregory and Regan, Jennifer by Ivas, John B for \$422,000 on 12/27/23

1501 Main St #38 was sold to Melaragni, Robert A by K&m Lotus Rt and Ma, Ken for \$40,000 on 12/28/23

444 N Billerica Rd was sold to Jaouhari, Ghali F and Benzohra, Hanane by Blanc, Jean and Corneille, Luciene for \$630,000 on 12/29/23

170 Old Main St #212 was sold to Able Business Concept LLC by Mkk Dynamain Prop LLC for \$80,000 on 12/27/23

8 Randolph Dr #8 was sold to Roberto,

Tiffany by Donovan, Carolyn J for \$400,000 on 12/29/23

WAKEFIELD

7 June Cir was sold to Catanzaro Jr, Alfred E by Brooks Jr, Robert J and Brooks, Patricia E for \$1,109,000 on 12/27/23

210 Oak St was sold to Gray, Rebecca and Crapsey, Alexander by Petrowsky Jr, George V and Ames, Joanne E for \$885,000 on 12/28/23

13 Otis St was sold to Mandelbaum, Jason by Ramadurai, Nithin and Sankar, Aishwarya for \$750,000 on 12/29/23

WILMINGTON

168 Lowell St #38 was sold to Zhao, Jifang by 168 Lowell St LLC for \$704,900 on 12/29/23

21 Sherwood Rd was sold to Garrity, Rachel and Butters, Evan by Giambona, Jourdan for \$700,000 on 12/29/23

WINCHESTER

10 Albamont Rd was sold to Francini, Yuk K and Francini, Robert by Marsha Bird Lt and Bird, Marsha for \$1,350,000 on 12/29/23

73 Bacon St was sold to Rocheleau, Brett and Rocheleau, Katherine by Michael A Panzara RET and Panzara, Michael A for \$2,249,000 on 12/29/23

17 Fairmount St was sold to Sullivan, James P by Boujoukos, Maura for \$400,000 on 12/28/23

21 Ledgewood Rd #71 was sold to Neil Fraser T and Fraser, Neil by Donnellan, Mark for \$1,350,000 on 12/28/23

23 Ledgewood Rd #72 was sold to Powers, Christopher J and Powers, Jacly E by Donnellan, Mark for \$1,450,000 on 12/28/23

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11 Priscilla Ln was sold to Jinkun Chen T and Chen, Jinkun by Seaver Properties LLC for \$2,398,000 on 12/29/23

158-160 Swanton St was sold to 158-162 Swanton St Cbc LL by Someswaranathan, J for \$1,700,000 on 12/28/23

WOBURN

16 Archer Dr #8 was sold to Chan, Chi H and Yang, Jia by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$311,800 on 12/27/23

22 Archer Dr #11 was sold to Huffman, Telita and Huffman, Mila by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$972,390 on 12/28/23

26 Buttarro Rd was sold to Venuti, Elizabeth J and Venuti, Richard J by Harting Homes LLC for \$730,000 on 12/28/23

6 Dix Rd was sold to Kushner, Liora by Snell, Christal M for \$1,335,000 on 12/29/23

7 E Dexter Ave #41 was sold to Tang, Chang-Bin and Shiue, Beehwa by 7 East Dexter LLC for \$1,004,900 on 12/27/23

6 Manomet Rd was sold to Sek, Prasoeur and Kaufman, Robin by Regan, Robert T and Regan, Paul G for \$575,000 on 12/29/23

7 Morgan Way #7 was sold to Carceo, James and Carceo, Joan K by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$749,900 on 12/28/23

43 Mountain St was sold to Chu, Emma and Chinich, Ian by Chen, Damon and Estuita, Adjannie I for \$729,900 on 12/28/23

72 Nashua St was sold to Ivyprop Group LLC by Larsen, David B for \$525,000 on 12/29/23

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Joining, Montgomery and Butcher will be frontman and guitarist, Sal Baglio (the Stompers) along with singer/songwriter, 2023 New England Music Hall of Fame Inductee Robin Lane (Robin Lane & the Chartbusters) and Blues vocalist/harpist Brian Templeton (Delta Generators, the Radio Kings)

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REGENT THEATRE'S ROCK N' ROLL CIRCUS performed by some of the biggest stars in the region including recent NE Music Hall of Fame inductee, Robin Lane. (Photo courtesy of Regent Theatre)

boo All-Stars) the stage will indeed be handled by all-star musicians of rarely equaled renown.

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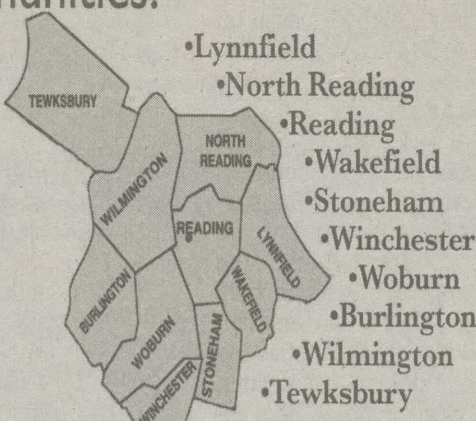
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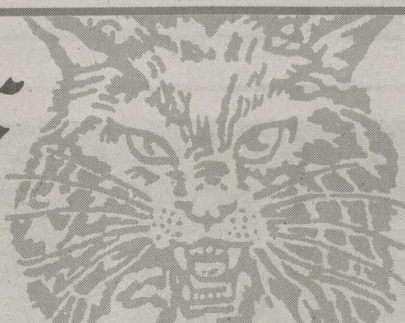
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Girls track just misses league title

Melrose wins final event and meet, 55-45

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The Wilmington High girls track and field team couldn't have come much closer to the Middlesex League's Freedom Division crown.

On Monday, WHS fell to Melrose, 55-45.

"The girls ran well," said Wildcat coach Joe Patrone. "The meet came down to the last event."

Several WHS girls qualified for the Div. 4 State meet during the showdown with Melrose including Mollie Osgood in the 55-meter hurdles, Ali Doherty in the 55-meter dash, Alexis Melvin in the 300-meter dash and the 4x200 relay team of Alexis Melvin, Emily Grace, Cate MacDonald and Alexis LeBlanc.

Winners in the Melrose meet were Osgood in both the hurdles and the high jump, LeBlanc in the

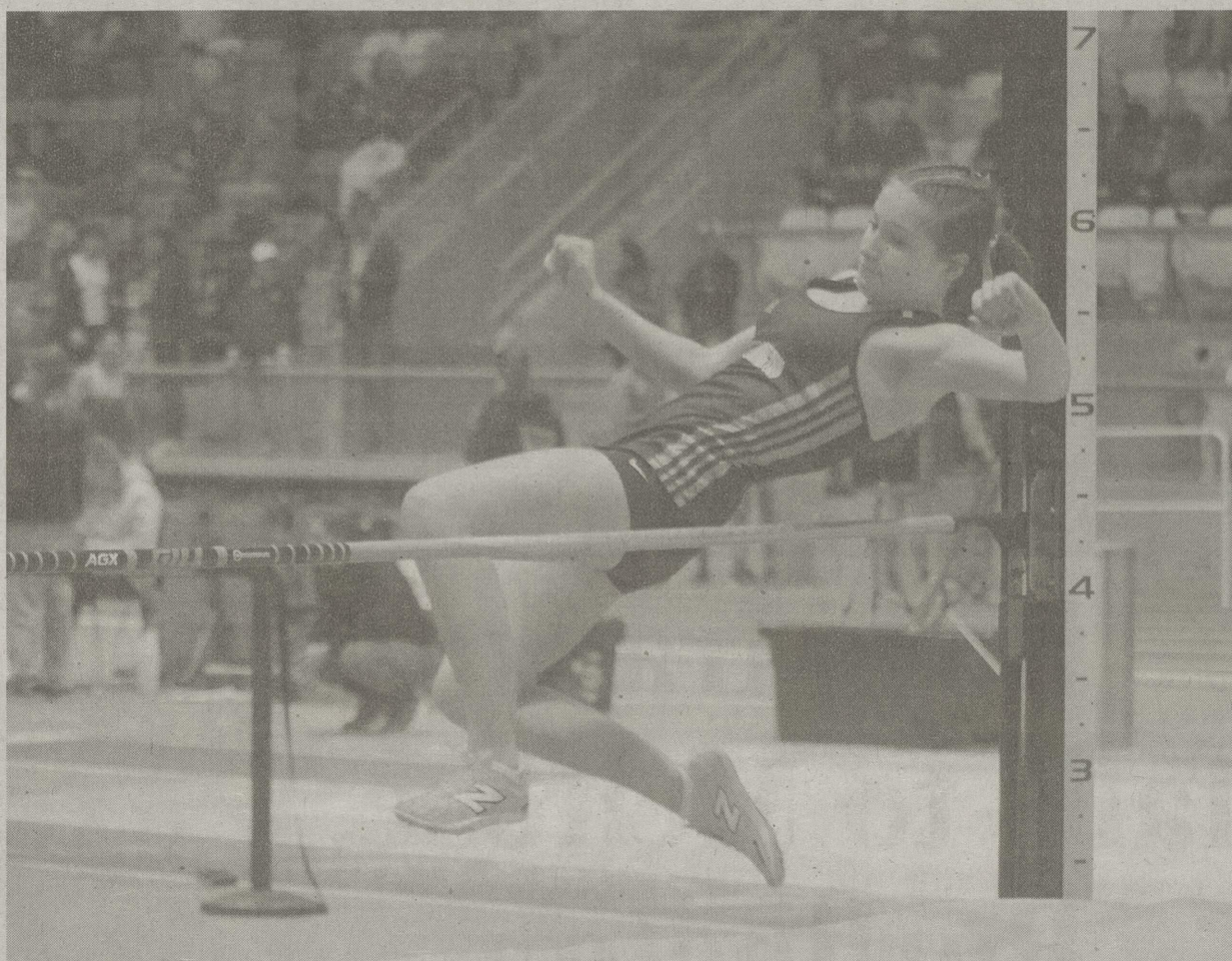
dash, Melvin in the 300, Addy Hunt in the two mile and the 4 x 200 relay team of Alexis Melvin, Emily Grace, Cate MacDonald and Alexis LeBlanc.

Second place finishes went to Hunt in the mile, Grace in the 300 and Maddie Krueger in the shot put.

Finishing third for Wilmington was Ali Doherty in the dash, MacDonald in the 600, Charlotte Kiley in the 1000 meters, Gisselle Olatilu in the high jump, Abigail Howie in the shot put and Sam Glaser in the long jump.

Before Melrose, Wilmington won a tight meet over Burlington, 58-42, to improve to 4-0.

Winners for the girls were LeBlanc in the dash, Hunt in both the mile and the 1000, Kiley in the two mile, Osgood in the high jump, Krueger in the shot put and the 4 x 200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker,



▲ Emma Callahan clears the bar in the high jump.

▼ Alexis Melvin (3) and Maeve White run for the Wildcats during a win over Watertown. (Photos by Doug Hastings)

Emily Grace, Ali Doherty and Alexis LeBlanc.

Scoring second-place points were Melvin in the 600, Kiley in the 1000, MacDonald in the 300, Cayley Israelson in the two mile and LeBlanc in the long jump.

Chipping in with third-place points were Osgood in the hurdles, Doherty in the dash, Kaitlyn Shackelford in the mile, Maeve White in the 600, Grace in the 300, Mia Stryhalaleck in the two mile, Olatilu in the high jump and Howie in the shot put.



Alexis LeBlanc competes in the long jump. (Photo by Doug Hastings)



Boys hockey bounces back, 3-1

Wildcats skate to important win over Melrose

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If one thing is for sure in the Middlesex League, it's that three complete periods are required to win on any given night.

As soon as shifts start being taken off or the foot gets let off the pedal, the game is at immediate risk of being swung in the opposite direction.

The Wilmington High School boys hockey team learned that on Thursday.

"You have to play three periods to win in the Mid-

dlesex League," said WHS coach Steve Scanlon.

In a 5-3 loss to Watertown, the Wildcats played just one strong period of fast and determined hockey. In the rest, they found out the hard way what happens when the most potent performance isn't put forward.

The 'Cats allowed a goal three minutes into play before Wilmington's Matt O'Brien lit the lamp on a feed from Daniel Lagunilla to tie the score.

Watertown struck back, taking a one-goal lead into the second frame. But

that's when Wilmington pieced together its best period of the game.

After being outshot 9-3 in the first, the 'Cats held a 16-7 shots on goal advantage in the second. Colin Allard scored the period's lone goal on a wrist shot from the point. When Allard netted his second score of the game early in the third, it looked as though Wilmington would keep up the momentum until the buzzer.

However, two miscues cost Wilmington its third-period lead, the first coming on committing a penalty that resulted in a

Watertown power-play tally. The second was an odd-man rush goal to provide Watertown with a 4-3 lead. Watertown put the finishing touches on their win with an empty-net goal late in the frame.

"That was anybody's game," said Scanlon. "It was proof about how you have to play the three periods."

On Saturday, the 'Cats did just that, stringing together a full 45 minutes to top Melrose, 3-1.

"It was an important game for us to bounce back in," said Scanlon. "The kids did a good job of that."

Lagunilla scored a first-period goal for Wilmington, which held up as a 1-0 lead all the way until the third period. When Melrose potted the equalizer, it looked as though the contest was headed into overtime.

Wildcat Bobby Cyr had other plans, sniping the top-left corner on a smooth rush up ice to give Wilmington a 2-1 lead with three minutes remaining. O'Brien converted an empty netter, and Tyler Ma-



▲ Tyler Florencio looks for an open teammate against Watertown. (Joe Brown photo)



▲ Junior Matt O'Brien fires a shot on goal. (Joe Brown photo)

rinho made 20 saves between the pipes to secure the win.

"We played a better all-around game," said Scanlon. "We still had a lot of chances to score, and we don't. It's execution, and we got to get goals from other places. Right now, the goals are strictly coming from the same kids."

Scanlon views Saturday's matchup with Burlington as one of the team's most pivotal meetings of the season. With Woburn, Belmont, and Reading up next on the

docket, a win against the Red Devils would only push Wilmington into its approaching gauntlet with a better frame of mind.

"They're like all the other teams in our division," he said of Burlington. "If you show up and play well and get the job done, you can beat them. If you make a ton of mistakes and the effort isn't there, they'll beat you. It's an important game because then we face the iron again."

It's a 3 p.m. puck drop at Breakaway Ice Center with Burlington on Saturday.



▲ Hunter Sands clears the bar in the high jump during a recent meet.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Boys track falls to Melrose, Burlington

But Wildcats still have plenty of outstanding performances

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The Wilmington High boys track and field team ended its dual meet season with a 2-3 record after recent losses to Burlington and Melrose. Melrose beat the Wildcats on Monday, 85-15. In a losing effort, WHS still had several competitors qualify for the Div. 4 state meet including Hunter Sands in the 55-meter hurdles, Jameson Burns in the 600-meter run, Dean Ciampa in the two mile and Sean Patrone in

the high jump. Ciampa was Wilmington's only first-place finishers in the Melrose meet, winning the two mile in a personal-best time of 10:32.52. Second place finishes went to Sands in the hurdles and Patrone in the high jump. Scoring third-place points for WHS was Burns in the 600, Nathan Cardin in the 1000, Ashvin Baker in the 300 and Sands in the high jump. Against Burlington, Wilmington lost 63-37. Winning for the Wildcats was Martin Phil-

assaint in the 55-meter dash, Baker in the 300 meters with a state qualifying time of 37.88 seconds, Cameron Jenks in the long jump and the 4 x 200 relay team of Jonathan Foresyth, Aidan Burke, Hunter Sands and Cameron Jenks. Second-place performances came from Sands in the hurdles, Cardin in the 1000, Ciampa in the two mile, Patrone in the high jump and Burke in the long jump. In third for Wilmington was Burns in the mile and Burke in the 600.



▲ Cooper Holleran heads toward the finish line during a recent meet.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Girls hockey too much for Wakefield

MacKenzie (2 goals) once again sparks victory

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After sustaining back-to-back defeats last week to Burlington and Lincoln-Sudbury, the Stoneham-Wilmington High girls ice hockey team bounced back last Wednesday night, skating to a decisive 6-3 win over rival Wakefield. Stoneham-Wilmington improved to 6-3 overall, 3-2 in the Middlesex League's Freedom Division, good for second place. The team trails Burlington by a game in the win column. Wakefield, with the defeat, remains winless on the season at 0-6-1. Senior co-captain Lily MacKenzie came up with a pair of goals late in the first period, including the eventual game-winner. The

current Stoneham-Wilmington scoring leader (13-goals, 2 assists) is now two-points shy of a career milestone 100-points. "We're really pulling for Lily," said Stoneham-Wilmington coach John LaPiana. "We don't want to put any pressure on her but when it happens, we're really going to celebrate this special achievement." Also noteworthy was a pair of players who scored the first goal of their varsity careers. Three minutes into the contest, freshman forward Dani Chillemi stole the puck on the forecheck and beat Wakefield netminder Julia Welch, unassisted. And late in the second, junior blue-liner Isabella Shirtcliff skated coast-to-coast and buried an insurance goal.

"It's always exciting to see players get their first-ever varsity goals," said LaPiana. "Both girls were showing a lot of speed through the neutral zone tonight and it paid off." Despite the winless record, Wakefield was a real threat. Three of the Warriors six losses were by a goal. There is ample talent on this squad, including Rory McNeill and Sarah Aborn, who was clearly the best skater on the ice. LaPiana admitted that he wasn't taking this opponent lightly. "We were pretty evenly-matched and it could have gone either way," the coach said. "We knew it was important to get out quickly." Defenseman Ashley Mercier delivered, finding the

net for her second of the season in the first minute of play. From the right circle, Mercier gathered a feed from Grace Tobias and sent a rising wrister top shelf. Wakefield tied it on a McNeill goal but 36 seconds later, Chillemi recaptured the lead for Stoneham-Wilmington. The stubborn Warriors struck again, however, knotting the count at 2-2 when Fiona Recene tucked a rebound behind goalie Maddie Sainato. But as time ran out on the frame, MacKenzie went to work, scoring a pair 53 seconds apart. Six goals were rung up in the first period, four by the home team, to the delight of the gathering at the Stoneham Arena. Wakefield goalie Welch

was solid in the second period, turning aside nearly everything Stoneham-Wilmington had to offer. MacKenzie gathered a wayward pass near center ice, got behind the defense, and broke in alone. Welch made a remarkable glove stop, robbing the skater of her third hat trick of the season. Shirtcliff's dramatic goal made it 5-2 late in the second. Midway through the third, Sainato, who made 18 stops on the night, suffered the consequences of a defensive letdown as Wakefield broke in two-on-none, with McNeill claiming her second to close to within a pair. "We draw up a plan and we stick to it pretty well but when we deviate from it, things can get a little

dicey," explained LaPiana. "When we're strict with the high guy in the offensive zone, we have a better chance to break up those odd-man rushes." Stoneham-Wilmington's Paige Fuller, second in scoring on the team, picked up her fourth in the final minute to wrap up the win. "We're taking two steps forward and one step back," said LaPiana, when asked how he feels about his prospects as mid-season approaches. "But I'm feeling good about the character, the makeup, and the leadership of this team. We have to move beyond the fundamentals and take a leap in building the season. I was hoping we'd be there by now, but we'll get there."

Girls basketball cruises to win

Melrose is no match for balanced Wilmington attack

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High School girls basketball team has righted the ship. After enduring a four-game losing streak following a 4-1 start to the season, the first month of the winter has been a roller-coaster for coach Chris Frissore and his squad. On Friday night, not only did the Wildcats return to an even 5-5 record, but they did so in style. Eva Boudreau scored 15 points as 11 different players found the scoresheet in a 73-44 thumping of Melrose. However, it wasn't a blow-

out the whole way. Melrose stayed right with Wilmington in the first half, entering the break trailing by just eight points. That's when the Wildcats put their feet down, outscoring their opponent 44-19 the rest of the way to secure the win. "We just took a little more pride," Frissore said of the strong second half. "Sometimes when we play down to team's levels, and I don't think we did, but we just stepped on their throat and said we're the better team." Wilmington jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead to start the game, but Melrose wouldn't go down without a fight. The Raiders responded with an 8-2 run in the second

quarter, as Scarlett D'Ad-dio scored 10 points alone. Wilmington's Summer Sands combatted that push, converting seven of her 10 total points in the second to protect the Wildcat lead. "She's getting a little more confident," said Frissore of Sands. "We talked to her the other day when she air-balled a couple threes in one of the games, and we were talking about how you just got to relax. Adrenaline will make that happen, and she must have thought that before she went out, and she was hitting shots, hitting layups, and she was open." That momentum carried over into a dominant second half.

Wilmington broke down the Melrose defense, scoring at will in the paint to build a substantial lead. The Wildcat offense included production from Alle Delgenio (10 points), Erin McCarthy (9 points), Jill Collins (8 points), Shaylan Bresnahan (6 points), and Charlotte Forcina (5 points). The 'Cats put their finishing touches on the win in the final frame, shooting a lights-out 57 percent from the field to secure the win. As Frissore coaches on the sideline, the second-year coach can't help but acknowledge his team's strides since last season — especially in the team's passing ability. The 'Cats

showcased that skill on Friday, slicing passes through lanes to lead to easy buckets. "Offensively, we've improved a lot," said the coach. "Our passing is way better than last year, especially with the starters. They know where each other is going to be, and they're making the right pass." That improvement is notable across the board. With a year of experience under the belt of a young team, Frissore expects his group to leap into the playoffs after coming just short last winter. In the first MIAA Power Rankings, the Wildcats slid in at No. 17, which is enough for a bid in the postseason.

"I expect us to be in the playoffs," said Frissore. "I've said that to them, don't make plans for February vacation because we'll be practicing. I expect us to be in the playoffs and they expect that too." That's not to say the path to the top 32 will be easy, and the 'Cats are bracing for that challenge. Middlesex League play is just heating up, with tough matchups against Belmont (Tuesday) and Burlington (Friday) on the docket this week. "All the games coming up are fights," said Frissore. "As long as we come away with some of those as wins, I'll be happy as long as we're fighting in every game."

Wildcats just miss at home

Boys basketball drops close battle to Melrose

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WILMINGTON — There's more than meets the eye regarding the Wilmington High School boys basketball team.

According to the first version of the MIAA Power Rankings, 49 teams in the Div. 3 field are better than the Wildcats.

Wilmington slid in at No. 50, with a 2-5 record and a -2.2326 rating.

But the play on the court tells a different story.

Wilmington has been in all eight games it has competed in, and sometimes the final score or margin of defeat doesn't tell the whole story.

Friday's 53-46 loss to Melrose is a prime example.

The 'Cats held the lead for most of the action, trading buckets with a feisty Melrose team. They went into halftime with a four-point lead and played a solid third quarter to carry that four-point advantage into the final eight minutes. But that's when things went south.

Melrose went on a 10-0 run and never looked back, which propelled the Raiders past Wilmington as the Wildcats fell to 2-6 in the winter. It was the Miles Nzui and John Arens show in the final frame, scoring all but two of the team's 21 points in an explosive fourth quarter.

"They really just took over in the fourth," WHS coach Jon Amico said of Melrose's two star players. "They're a great team, very well

coached, and a lot of skill on that team.

Those two kids really just took over, that was really the game."

As they took over, the Wilmington offense was brought to a standstill. The 'Cats started the quarter 0 for 6 from the field, converting their first points on free throws at the 4:34 mark. It wasn't until two minutes left in the game that Ayden Balter ended their field goal drought with a hard drive to the basket. At that point, it was too little, too late for the Wildcats.

"The whole game we couldn't finish," admitted Amico. "From three, I thought we were semi-efficient, but we just couldn't finish. We had so many shots in the paint we could-

n't hit. That was really the killer."

That may have killed Wilmington in the fourth, but the 'Cats put together 24 minutes of solid basketball that didn't go unnoticed. Michael Oatis led a wide-spread offense, notching 12 points, followed by Ben Marvin's nine. Tiago Gomez (7 points) and Balter (6 points) were also critical components of the offense. Oatis headlined Wilmington's third quarter, scoring seven points to set his team up for a strong finish.

"He's been great every game," said Amico. "He's exactly what you want as a captain and as a leader. He goes hard every drill in practice, and he's improved so much, both offensively and defensively. I really can't take him off the floor."

The 'Cats were even able to respond to an early Melrose push, a 10-0 run in the final four minutes of the first half that put Melrose back in the driver's seat. Wilmington drilled a pair of three-pointers in a 10-0 run of its own, highlighted by an epic half-court heave from Austin Harper to beat the buzzer. Harper dribbled the ball to the Wildcat logo, thrusting a shot off the backboard and in to send the WHS gym into a frenzy.

"Unless you're on the team, you won't believe us, but everybody knew that was going in," said Amico. "He has a weird knack of hitting those shots, so I'm sure nobody on the team was surprised about that one."

For three-quarters of Fri-

day night's contest, Wilmington was simply the better team on the floor. They held Melrose to just a 27 percent field goal clip in the first three quarters, swarming on the defensive end to create offense on transition. For Amico and his group, it's all about getting over that hump — and ultimately proving to the state where they belong on the rankings.

"We've been in every game. Every game we could have won. We just have to get used to winning. It's been a long time since this team has been winning. We just got to get over that hump," he concluded.

The Wildcats played Belmont on Tuesday before traveling to Burlington on Friday night for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Rams are in the driver's seat

Boys hockey team edges Lowell Catholic, 1-0

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When Essex Tech left the Commonwealth Athletic Conference at the end of last season, the question became, would anyone in the league challenge the Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team for league bragging rights?

On Thursday, visiting Lowell Catholic certainly had an answer.

In a game that had a playoff atmosphere right from the start, the Rams skated to an exciting 1-0 victory that saw senior goalie Michael Cedrone make several clutch stops behind a defense that kept LC contained for most of the night.

The best chance for the visitors came early as Lowell Catholic enjoyed 30 seconds of a 5-on-3 power play that the Rams killed off, followed by the next 90 seconds of the ensuing power play.

"That was huge," said Chuck Baker, Shawsheen's coach. "This was a good win."

Senior Keenan Considine actually had a shot on goal while Shawsheen was shorthanded.

The Rams killed another penalty early in period No. 2.

The only goal of the game came late in the first period.

After a save at one end by Cedrone, Ram senior Chase Darcey of Billerica made a tremendous move between two Lowell Catholic defenders and fired a shot on junior goalie Sam DeChaves. Senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington stuffed home the rebound with 2:12 to go in the period.

The Ram defense was the story of the middle period.

Cedrone made two spectacular stops early in the stanza, the second on LC's Matt Cabral with Cabral right in front of the crease.

The combination of senior Brody Amenkowitz, junior Dylan Higson, junior Larry Cullity and Darcey then helped kill a power play.

Cullity anchored Shawsheen's defense along with sophomore Jake Banda of Wilmington, junior Darion Considine of Wilmington, senior Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury and Amenkowitz.

In the third period, the Rams nearly added to their lead.

Darcey was robbed by a DeChaves glove save during a Shawsheen power play early in the stanza before nearly setting up senior Liam Milne in front with 6:30 to go.

Sophomore Justin Thi-



▲ Matt Breen and the Rams improved to 6-3 in recent action. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

bert also had a scoring bid in the third.

Cedrone made several more big saves in the final minutes, helping Shawsheen improve to 7-1 overall and remain undefeated in CAC action.

Last Wednesday in Everett, Shawsheen topped Northeast Regional, 5-1.

Northeast actually led 1-0 early before the Rams got grooving.

Senior Nate Medieros of Billerica was the winning goalie for Shawsheen and kicked aside 12 saves for the victory. Medieros was actually credited with an assist as well.

The Rams had five different players score goals including Gray, Higson, sophomore Jacoby Patterson, Keenan Considine and Jake Banda. Zack Timmons of Wilmington had a pair of assists for Shawsheen while also earning points with assists were Darcey, Milne, senior Roland Spengler of Tewksbury and Patterson.

On Monday, Shawsheen skated to a 2-0 victory at home against Longmeadow.

The game was scoreless into the third period until Milne scored late in the game and Darion Considine added an empty-net goal. Gray, Cullity and Darion Considine had assists.

Cedrone chalked up another shutout with 13 stops.

BOYS BASKETBALL WINS TWO

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team shook off a three-game losing streak with back-to-back victories against Greater Lawrence and Pentucket Regional, improving the Rams to 6-3 overall.

Against Greater Lawrence, Shawsheen won by a 64-47 score in a game that the Rams led from start to finish.

Shawsheen led 21-13 after the first quarter and 37-27 at halftime before blowing things open in the second half.

The Rams led 40-30 early in the third quarter before going on a 19-3 run to take a 26-point lead.

Greater Lawrence actually had trimmed Shawsheen's lead to four in the second quarter (28-24) before the Rams closed the half with a 9-3 surge.

Senior Ryan Copson of Wilmington started the run with two foul shots and junior Matt Breen of Wilmington added a layup and a free throw.

Breen would add two more hoops, a driving layup and an offensive rebound, before the second quarter ended.



▲ Junior Larry Cullity battles for a puck.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

The Ram center also fueled Shawsheen's third quarter tidal wave.

Breen powered inside for a basket to make it 42-30 and junior Franck Moron scored the next four points with a pair of foul shots and a layup.

Sophomore David Vivieros of Wilmington then made a nice hustle play, diving to the floor for a jump ball that gave possession to Shawsheen and Breen made sure it paid off with a crowd-pleasing dunk. The quarter ended with the Rams in front, 48-30.

The Rams started the fourth quarter with an 11-3 spurt.

Senior Zachary Rogers of Wilmington scored on a pass from Vivieros, Breen and Copson each hit two free throws and sophomore Dyllon Pratt added a bucket off of a nice length-of-the-floor inbounds pass by sophomore Jevon Moron of Billerica to push the lead to 56-30.

Down the stretch, Shawsheen had some nice contributions from some its bench players.

Junior Nate Jean-Francois' hustle play to keep a ball in play led to a nice basket by junior Ryan Kelley of Billerica.

Jevon Moron added a basket and sophomore David Vitale of Wilmington chipped in with a foul shot as the final seconds ticked away.

Against Pentucket, the Rams won a close game, 47-41.

Shawsheen actually trailed 28-27 at halftime but outscored Pentucket 20-13 in the second half to pull out the victory.

The Rams led 37-34 after three quarters and hung on throughout the final eight minutes.

Breen led Shawsheen with 14 points and Copson scored 11 while Rogers and Franck Moron each added eight.

Rogers had a solid second half with six points including 4 for 4 from the foul line.

Copson also had six in the second half, four in the fourth quarter.

As a team, the Rams were 9 for 12 from the free throw line in the second half.

Jevon Moron hit both of his foul shot attempts in the fourth quarter.

Prior to the two victories, Shawsheen beat Pentucket in the semifinals of a holiday tournament before falling to Tyngsborough in the championship game. The Rams also lost to Lowell Catholic, 65-55.

Shawsheen hosts Greater Lowell on Tuesday and then returns to action against Whittier Tech next Tuesday in Haverhill.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR GIRLS HOCKEY

After an 0-2 start, the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High girls hockey team is 6-3.

Last week, the Rams skated past Masconomet Regional by a 5-2 score in a game played at Merrimack College in North Andover.

Freshman Becca Sobol of Bedford sparked the offense with two goals and two assists.

Eighth grader Lucy Scoville of Bedford had a goal and an assist and senior Anna McEachern of Bedford also had a goal.

Freshman Leah Hanafin of Shawsheen chipped in with her varsity goal and freshman Ella Haynes also contributed an assist.

Senior Elianna Munroe was the winning goalie.

The Rams next play Saturday afternoon on the road against Gloucester at 4 p.m.

WRESTLERS UNDEFEATED IN SPRINGFIELD

The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team dominated a quad meet in Springfield on Saturday, winning three matches to improve its overall record this season to 13-0.

The Rams beat Pinkerton Academy of New Hampshire, Mount Anthony of Vermont and Natick, who was undefeated before the weekend.

Shawsheen outscored its three opponents by a combined margin of 174-43.

Rams that went undefeated on the day included Jayden Perez, Dante Graziano, Caleb Caceres, Logan Holmes, Nate Malandain, Sid Tildsley and James Tildsley.

GIRLS BASKETBALL STILL WORKING HARD

The Shawsheen Tech

girls basketball team continues to battle injuries this season.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the Rams lost by a 41-14 score to Lynnfield, dropping Shawsheen to 3-6 overall on the season.

On Dec. 27, the Rams beat Northeast Regional, 36-31, in the first round of Essex Tech's holiday tournament, avenging a loss from earlier in the season.

Shawsheen led by a 10-4 score after the first quarter before Northeast rallied.

The game was tied at 15 at halftime and Shawsheen led 28-26 after three quarters.

Junior Fiona Rexford led the Rams with 12 points, five in the fourth quarter, and sophomore Erin Langone added seven, all in the third quarter.

Junior Izzy Ferguson chipped in with six points and all five of junior Krissi Macdonald's points came in the second half.

In the championship game of the tournament, Shawsheen lost to Essex Tech, 40-21.

Essex led 11-6 at the end of the first quarter and 17-9 at halftime before outscoring the Rams 10-4 in the third to push its lead to 14 after three quarters.

Langone led Shawsheen with seven points, Rexford and Ferguson each contributed four. Macdonald and junior Faith Martin tossed in three points a piece.

Shawsheen had a tight contest with Mystic Valley, falling 40-36.

The Rams trailed 32-22 after three quarters, but nearly rallied to win.

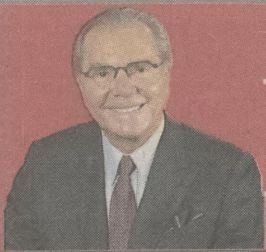
Sophomore Jailyn DiNuccio's six points led Shawsheen while Langone, Ferguson and sophomore Maria Cafaro each had five points with all five of Cafaro's points coming in the final quarter.

Martin added four points with two fourth-quarter baskets.

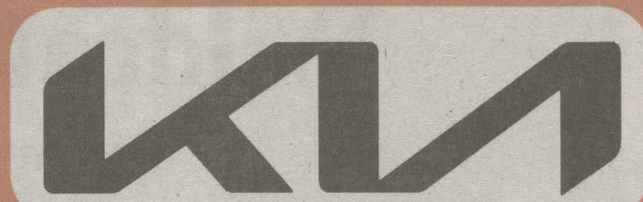
Sophomore Mackenzie Weatherbee had another solid game at point guard.

Against Lynnfield, Langone had five points to lead the Rams and Ferguson scored three.

On Tuesday, Shawsheen played at Lowell Catholic before a Friday home game against Greater Lowell at 5:30 p.m.



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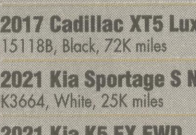
AWD • Black
20K miles
#K3658
\$23,498

2022 Kia Niro EX Premium



Blue
44K miles
#15322A
\$23,998

2017 Ford Explorer XLT



K3630A, White, 152K miles
\$14,598

2022 Kia Seltos SX



Black
23K miles
K3660
\$26,998

2021 Kia Sorento SX AWD



Gravity Gray
40K miles
#K3648
\$30,398

2021 Kia Sorento SX AWD



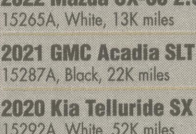
White
57K miles
#K3634
\$30,998

2021 Kia Sorento SXP



X-Line • Gold
37K miles
#15256A
\$32,798

2021 GMC Acadia SLT AWD



15287A, Black, 22K miles
\$31,998

2021 Honda Pilot SE



Silver
26K miles
#15278A
\$32,898

2022 Kia Telluride SX AWD



Wolfgray
39K miles
#K3662
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H230865, Auto., Gray, 105K miles

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2017 Ford Edge Titanium

H2307901, Auto., White Platinum, 118K miles

\$13,498

2012 Honda Civic EX Sedan

H240479, Auto., Polished Metal, 84K miles

\$13,498

2016 Toyota Corolla LE Sedan

HP76721, Auto., Brown Sugar, 69K miles

\$14,998

2017 Nissan Rogue Sport SV

H240391, Auto., Gun Metallic, 76K miles

\$15,998

2020 Toyota Camry LE Sedan

H240279, Auto., Silver, 122K miles

\$15,998

2018 Hyundai Kona SE AWD

H2400351, Auto., Chalk White, 74K miles

\$15,998

2016 Honda Accord Sport Sedan

HP7698, Auto., Basque Red, 94K miles

\$16,998

2020 Toyota Corolla LE Sedan

H240242, Auto., Blue, 51K miles

\$17,998

2022 Volkswagen Jetta SE Sedan

H240452, Auto., Gray, 66K miles

\$18,798

2021 Honda Civic LX Sedan

H240272, Auto., Aegean Blue, 21K miles

\$18,998

2018 BMW 230Xi Coupe

H2403732, Auto., White Platinum, 83K miles

\$19,298

2016 Acura MDX AWD

HP7656, Auto., Platinum White Pearl, 72K miles

\$19,898

2019 Honda HRV Sport AWD

H2402241, Auto., Modern Steel, 50K miles

\$20,498

2021 Honda HRV EX AWD

CP0211, Auto., Modern Steel, 58K miles

\$20,498

2021 Honda HRV LX AWD

H240210, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 25K miles

\$21,598

2021 Hyundai Kona Limited

H240301, Auto., Ultra Black, 31K miles

\$21,698

2020 Honda Civic Sport Sedan

H240460, Auto., Aegean Blue, 18K miles

\$21,998

2020 Honda Civic LX Sedan

H240565, Auto., Lunar Silver, 9K miles

\$21,998

2020 Honda HRV Sport AWD

CP0208, Auto., Platinum White Pearl, 25K miles

\$21,998

2021 Honda Civic Sport Sedan

H240426, Auto., Modern Steel, 32K miles

\$22,498

2020 Honda Accord LX Sedan

CP0219, Auto., Platinum White Pearl, 24K miles

\$22,998

2020 Honda Civic LX Sedan

H240463, Auto., Modern Steel, 387 miles

\$22,998

2022 Honda Accord LX Sedan

H240406, Auto., Lunar Silver, 14K miles

\$23,598

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2014 Honda CRV EX AWD

Urban Titanium • 124K miles



#H240438
\$14,998

2016 Honda Accord Sport Sdn.

Basque Red • 94K mi.



#HP7698
\$16,998

2021 Kia Soul LX

Mars Orange • 18K mi.



#H2308382
\$18,998

2016 Acura MDX AWD

Platinum White Pearl • 72K miles



#HP7656
\$19,898

2021 Jeep Cherokee Ltd.

Slate Blue • 17K mi.



#HP7697
\$26,998

2023 Kia Sportage SX FWD

Ebony Black • 25K miles



#H240413
\$29,398

2021 Honda CRV EX AWD

H240420, Auto., Modern Steel, 27K miles

\$27,498

2021 Honda CRV EX AWD

H2404551, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 37K miles

\$27,998

2021 Honda Accord EX-L Sedan

H240334, Auto., Platinum White Pearl, 18K miles

\$27,998

2021 Honda Accord EX-L Sedan

H240608, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 16K miles

\$28,498

2023 Kia Sportage SX FWD

H240413, Auto., Ebony Black, 25K miles

\$29,398

2020 Honda CRV EX-L AWD

CP0228, Auto., Lunar Silver, 20K miles

\$29,898

2021 Honda CRV EX Hybrid

CP0222, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 25K miles

\$29,998

2021 Honda Pilot EX AWD

H230867, Auto., Modern Steel, 28K miles

\$29,998

2020 Honda CRV Touring Hybrid

CP0223, Auto., Platinum Metal Pearl, 37K miles

\$30,998

2020 Honda CRV Touring Hybrid

H240421, Auto., Modern Steel, 31K miles

\$31,498

2021 Volkswagen Atlas SE Tech

H240430, Auto., Silver, 23K miles

\$31,598

2021 Honda CRV EX-L AWD

CP0226, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 34K miles

\$31,698

2021 Honda CRV EX-L AWD